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APPENDIX

No. I

POST ROADS

Inns between Boston and New York in 1697

"The several stages (in 1697) from the city of New York to Boston, & where travelers may be accommodated.

"From *New York* to *Boston* it is accounted 274 miles, thus—viz.: From the Post Office in *New York* to *Jo Clapp's* in the Bowery is 2 miles (which generally is the bating place, where Gentlemen take leave of their friends, going so long a journey) & where a parting glass or two of generous Wine,

> *"If well applyd, makes their dull horses feel,*
> *One spur i' th' Head is worth two in the heel."*

From said	*Clapp's* to halfway House	7	miles.
Thence to	*King's Bridge*	9	"
" "	Old Shute's at Eastchester	6	"
" "	*New Rochel* Meeting-house	4	"
" "	*Joseph Horton's*	4	"
" "	*Denham's at Rye*	4	"
" "	*Knap's at Horse Neck*	7	"
" "	*Dan Weedse's at Stamford*	7	"
" "	*Belden's at Norwalk*	10	"
" "	*Burr's at Fairfield*	10	"
" "	*T. Knowles's at Stratford*	8	"
" "	*Andrew Sandford's at Milford*	4	"
" "	*Capt. John Mills' at New Haven*	10	"
" "	*Te Widow Frisbie's at Brandford*	10	"
" "	*John Hobson's at Guilford*	10	"
" "	*John Grissell's at Killinsworth*	10	"
" "	*John Clarke's at Seabrook*	10	"
" "	*Mr. Plum's, New London*	10	"
" "	*Mr. Saxton's*	15	"
" "	*Mr. Pemberton's in the Narragansett Country*	15	"
" "	*French Town*	24	"
" "	*Mr. Turpin's*	20	"
" "	*Mr. Woodcock's*	15	"
" "	*Mr. Billingse's Farm*	11	"
" "	*Mr. White's*	6	"
" "	*Mr. Fisher's*	6	"

& from thence to the great Town of Boston 10 miles where many good Lodgings & Accommodations may be had for Love & Money.

I wish to have preserved in the columns of the "Courant" a list of the inns between

Boston & New York in 1697. It is copied (original orthography followed) from a New York almanac for that year which, the preface says, is the first almanac ever made in the province of New York. You will see that the route in 1697 is nearly identical with that adopted in 1853 by the recently proposed *"new through railroad line from New York to Boston,"* the projectors of which seem (for railroad people) to have a remarkable regard for the footsteps of their ancestors.

The reader will bear in mind that this route was in 1697 only practicable for travelers upon horseback, who usually accompanied the post rider.

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No. II

FAIRFIELD

The testimony of Mary Beers, wife to Reuben Beers of Fairfield, of lawful age, is as follows; viz.:

That about one of the clock succeeding the 7th inst. a picket of Hessians in General Garth's division broke into our house & thereupon I came out of the cellar with two small children & a negro child, & on opening the cellar door, they cried out, Kill her, kill her, & came at me with a number of fixed bayonets: I begged & intreated, implored & prayed, to spare my life & run back down cellar & opened the out cellar door & went into the door yard, with the afores^{d} three children, & I found there a number of enemy with an officer: I expostulated with them, I told the officer that my husband was sick, & had not been out for two days then past, that he was a sick man & in bed, when they came to the house, that he was not in arms, & begged his life & property, whereupon the capt. said he was not killed but was a prisoner: whereupon I applied to the gen^{l} as I supposed, who was a Hessian called: I asked protection for myself, children, & property, & release of my husband. Said Hessian general & a colonel said my husband should be used well, that my person, children, house & property should be safe, but said he (the gen^{l} laying his hand on the head of my little babe) Poor child I pity you, I cannot spare your house it must be burnt: thereupon up came the officer of those who first broke into the house, & he said, Go woman in haste you may perhaps put the fire out of your house: & I went protected by a guard who behaved decently, & I found my house effectually plundered of linnen by them, & great destruction of moveables in the house, & I extinguish'd the fire. Whereupon I went to the house of David Beers who to my knowledge was in peace at home with his wife & family, & they enter'd the s^{d} house with violence, & took Mr. Beers prisoner, & plunder'd his house, & pretended that he had fired out of his house but it was groundless; & in the morning, without distinction, they burnt his house & shop, & all moveables left in them. Their behaviour was like distracted or mad men, & pretended many of them not to speak English. And further saith not.

Mary Beers.

Fairfield July 24th 1779, Personally appeared Mary Beers above named & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. P.

Reuben Beers above named personally appear'd & made oath that he agrees with the above named Mary Beers, his wife, in all the parts of her narrative so far as he is knowing & adds that by the intreat & request of David Beers aforenam'd on application to Genl Tryon, & his own request & information that he had a large family of small children & wife, that he supposed his house & property was destroyed, the gen^{l} at the place of embarkation released him.

Sworn before me Andrew Rowland Jus. P.

The testimony of Abigail Bulkley, wife of Josiah Bulkley of lawful age is as follows, viz.:

That the enemy on their coming to the west end of the town, on the night of the 7th inst. they enquired after my husband. I told them that he was out of the town & was not under arms, however they plundered my house of almost all the moveables in it. I with Mrs. Beardsley who was supposed to be in travel & the officers there behaved decently to me, & by the aid & assistance of one of them, I saved my house, & some trifle of furniture from flames. It appeared to me that there was a number of Hessians at liberty to act without restraint, & further saith not.

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Abigail X Bulkley Jun^{r}.
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SS. Fairfield July 23d 1779.

Personally appeared Abigail Bulkley above named & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Jane Bulkley wife to Andrew Bulkley of lawful age is as follows, viz.:

That when the enemy entered the town of Fairfield that part of the army under the command of General Garth were stationed in the westerly part of the town & a number of officers & men came to my house, & received such refreshment as they required, & said that persons who staid in their houses, should be safe in person & property, & at their request I went & milked my cow & gave them the milk, whereupon the cow was led away by them & killed; my house was fir'd five times & I extinguished it. The men were at full liberty & behaved with great licentiousness. I heard a number of under officers at my door, say that before morning every house would be laid in ashes, that we should not fare so well as New Haven: they plundered my house, stripped my buckles out of my shoes, & abused me with insulting language. Their officers had not or did not exercise command over them, so as in the least to restrain them. They continued burning houses & barns the whole night. I had a protection from General Garth by word & he ordered a guard for me but it served only to save my property 'till daylight, & then my house was plundered & attempted to be burnt. The latter part of the night the soldiers appear'd to be in drink, they plunder'd a plenty of spirituous liquors. And further saith not.

Jane Bulkley.

Fairfield July 24th 1779.

Fairfield July 24th 1779.

Personally appeared Jane Bulkley & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Eunice Burr wife of Thaddeus Burr Esq. respecting the proceedings of the enemy at Fairfield on the 7th & 8th days of July 1779, is as followeth viz.

On Wednesday morning between 9 & 10 o'clock the 7th July some friends came in

& told me that they believed that the enemy's shipping were standing in, & that it was their opinion, that the enemy wo'd land; being formerly well acquainted with a number of the British officers, & ever finding them of a polite humane disposition, & observing the good order they kept up among their soldiers, I was induced, once, to act against all the entreaties of my friends, & risque my life & all that is dear to me, in hopes to save an ancient pleasant mansion house, with its valuable furniture & stores. This I was the more willing to undertake, as I had been told, "that if people would stay in their own houses, they, the enemy, would not molest nor disturb them, & their property would be safe."

By the time that the main body of the enemy had got up to the court house, instead of the once humane & polite Britons, a pack of the most barbarous ruffians came rushing into the house, & repeatedly accosted me with you Dam *Rebel* where is your husband, he is a selectman—at the same time striping me of my buckles, taring down the curtains of my bed, breaking the frame of my dressing glass, pulling out the draws of my table & desk; & after taking what they could find, they then went up stairs & proceeded much in the same manner. At this juncture there came in an officer, who, I suppose was a capt. & demanded the arms; those which I knew of were produced, & he immediately ordered them out of the house & upon my representation of the conduct of the ruffians towards me, he ordered them out of the house. No sooner were one set out, but another came in, calling for syder, breaking down the china, stone & glass ware in the closets & where ever they found it. In the midst of this confused state General Tryon came into the house. He behaved with politeness. He demanded the papers. I told him there were none but of very old dates which related to old estates. The general said, Those are what we want, for we intend to have the estates—upon which he ordered an officer to take them to the court house. Very soon after he had taken leave of me there came in a set more dreadfull than the ruffians who first attacked me. These being informed, or suspicious, that I was possessed of a watch, attempted to search me. I drew back to the yard, the only shelter that I had, & there committed myself to that God, whose protection & mercy is beyond the reach of such cruel monsters. They however were permitted to pursue me, throw me upon the ground, & search me, pulling & taring my cloths from me in a most barbarious manner, no intreaties or persuasions prevailing upon them to desist. Heaven directed the steps of the aforementioned captain to the gate, who perceiving the horrid situation that I was in, ran to my relief, & drove the ruffians from the yard. Soon after this General Tryon (with Mr. Thomas Chapman of Stratford, who is said to be a capt. in the New Levies) called in. Mr. Chapman made himself known to me, upon which I reminded him of his often waiting on a more soft & delicate set of company to the house, than those I had been visited with in the course of the day—asked him if he could have a heart to burn the house where he had spent so many agreeable hours, upon which he assured me he would do everything in his power to save the building.

General Tryon upon hearing the aforesaid captain relate the situation he found me in, was kind enough to order two centrys at the house, which caused me a more quiet night than I feared, tho' horror & distress were my constant companions, great part of the town being in flames. Just before sunrise Capt. Chapman came to me very politely, & told me that General Tryon wanted to speak to me. I immediately waited on him. He told me that through the entreaties of Mr. Sayer & some other friends, & knowing my situation, he should spare my buildings, Mr. Eliot's, the church & meeting-house—that he did not like destroying those buildings. I told him that I was obliged to him for the favor, & felt as happy to have those buildings saved as my own, & that I thought he wo'd do himself honor. He asked for pen, ink & paper. I very readily procured them. He then unasked & unsolicited by me, gave me a protection for my house & property, & the Rev'd Mr. Eliot's, written with his own hand & signed with his own name. Thus deluded with a false hope, after the fatigue of the day, night, & more dreadfull morning, when every building around me was on fire, & some of my poor neighbours, whose habitations were in flames, had run into my house for shelter, instead of attempting to carry out & secure what was in the house, our whole attention was taken up in supplying the house with water, & altho' they were almost buried in flames, neither the barn or house took fire. The pleasure & satisfaction I felt for a few minutes in thinking I had a shelter for myself & some of my distressed friends, was great. But alas! how soon was it over. No sooner had the horn blew, I suppose for the whole to retreat, my centrys went off & a band of those savage creatures were left as a rear guard to compleat the destruction —some of whom, unperceived by me, came into the house. I heard a most dreadful screaching in one of the rooms, upon which I ran to it, & to my great surprise found some of those monsters abusing an aged lady, one of my neighbours, by pulling off her cap & tearing the hair from her head. Her daughter, who had fled there for protection fared but little better. Seeing a number more of them come into the gate. I once more took courage, went out & intreated them to spare the house; told them that I had General Tryon's protection in writing; upon which they damned the general & protection too & tore it from me. While a number went into the house to set fire to it, two or three others came to search me, they took my pocket book & buttons, which till then I had preserved. Fearing that I should be insulted as I had been before, I disingaged my pocket & fled into the meadow.

The house with everything they had left, both furniture & stores were consumed. Much more might be told, both of officers & soldiers, which wo'd bring disgrace upon the once humane, but now savage Britons, but it wo'd make this narrative too lengthy. One more instance of their cruelty I must not fail to relate. On a bare suspicion, that a gun was fired from a window, by an aged negro of my neighbour Lewis's, they first shot him, then bayoneted him, as my centry, who was one of the number told me; & left his body to be consumed by the flames which were immediately kindled in the dwelling house.

Should this narrative fall into the hands of any of those gentlemen officers, who afforded me assistance, in those hours of horror & distress, they have my sincere thanks for it.

Fairfield SS. On the 2 day of August 1779 personally appeared Eunice Burr, wife of Thaddeus Burr Esqr & made oath to the above & foregoing narrative.

Before me Sam'l Squier Just. Peace.

The testimony of Ann Nichols of lawful age & wife to Hez. Nichols of Fairfield is as follows, viz.—

That when the troops under the command of General Tryon came into Fairfield I was peaceably at home, & thereupon one of the soldiers came to me & with strong hand robbed me of the buckles out of my shoes, & in the course of the night I was often treated with extravagant, insulting, & abusive language & threatning at my own house. I told them my husband was from home, but it availed nothing, & in the course of the night, the soldiers appeared to have full liberty, & many came in parties at different hours, & destroyed almost everything of furniture, & in the morning burnt down the house & barn, whereupon I saw General Tryon who appeared to be exceeding angry at something, I know not what, & I heard him tell a person that he would not spare one house more than another. One Thomas Chapman formerly of Stratford a tory was called a Captain,

£300, also clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £114 : 2 : 6; Nathan Godfrey's house, barn, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £362 : 18; Grummond Morehouse's house, barn, provisions, &c., £80 : 4 : 5; Doct. Ebenezer Jessup's house, barn, corn house, furniture, provisions, &c., £421 : 2 : 6; Simon Couch's house, barn, provisions, furniture, &c., £224 : 12; Widow Eunice Morehouse's house, barn, clothing, furniture, &c., £103 : 6; Ebenezer Morehouse's house, barn & provisions, &c., £122 : 7 : 2; George Batterson's house, furniture, &c., £53 : 11; John Davis' house, furniture, provisions, clothing, &c., £58 : 16; Abraham Andrews' house, barn, store, clothing, furniture, &c., £468 : 10 : 5; Widow Sarah Andrews' house, barn, clothing, provisions, &c., £156 : 14; Jessup Wakeman's house, barn, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £194 : 18; Gideon Morehouse's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £73 : 14; John Morehouse's barn, &c., £253 : 19; Moss Kent's house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, &c., £316 : 2.

At The Old Society of Fairfield—Stephen Thorp's house, barn, store-house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £746 : 17; Aaron Jennings' store-house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £91 : 19; Eliphalet Thorp's house, barn, storehouse, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £639; Increase Bradley's house, storehouse, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £150; Jonathan Darrow's house, barn, clothing, & provisions, &c., £306 : 9; Samuel Sturges' house, shop, provisions, furniture, &c., £280 : 3 : 3; James Bulkley, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £18 : 4; Moss Bulkley's house, £40; David Beers' house, shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £196 : 3; Joseph Beers' house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £132 : 12; Reuben Beers' house, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £530 : 6; Nathaniel Pierson's house, clothing &c., £90; Samuel Beers' house, clothing, provision, furniture &c., £141 : 19 : 7; Solomon Sturges' house, barn, store, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £270; David Barlow's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £387 : 12 : 6; Jabez Thorp's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £181 : 13; Samuel Burr's house, barn, shop, furniture, provisions &c., £761 : 7 : 5; Hezekiah Sturges' house, two barns, a shop, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £819 : 1 : 5; The heirs of Benjamin Osborn, a house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £186 : 13 : 6; Daniel Graham's barn, provisions, furniture, clothing &c., £20; The heirs of Joseph Sturges, a house, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £400; The heirs of Peter Bulkley, a house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £118 : 17; Ansel Trubee's house, furniture, clothing & provisions, £111 : 6; Jonathan Sturges' house, barn, store-house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £759 : 2 : 6; William Lovejoy, house of Doct. Forgue, £160; The widow & heirs of Seth Osborn, two houses, a store, provisions, clothing & furniture, £553 : 7 : 6; Seth Sturges' house, barn, furniture, provisions & clothing, £453; Samuel Smedley's two houses, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £795; Stephen Jennings' house, barn, provisions, furniture & clothing, £279, David Jennings' house, shop, provisions, furniture & clothing, £310 : 10; Widow Elizabeth Sturges' house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £100; The heirs of Andrew Jennings' house, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £255 : 17 : 6; John Smedley's two houses, clothing, provisions, &c., £792 : 18; The widow & heirs of Gershom Burr, a house, furniture, clothing, provisions, &c., £556 : 9 : 6, Ebenezer Wakeman's house, furniture, provisions, & clothing, £141 : 17 : 11; The Episcopal Society in Fairfield, a house & barn, £195; The heirs of Col. David Burr, house, barn, &c., clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £427 : 11 : 6., Andrew Rowland's house, barn, store, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £475; Hezekiah Nichol's house, barn, shop, furniture, provisions & clothing, £524 : 6; Joseph Squire's shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £424 : 4 : 7; Samuel Rowland's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £522 : 2 : 2; Widow Cutler's house, £30; Wakeman Burr's house, shop, furniture, clothing, & provisions, £456 : 12 : 11; William Dimon's house, shop, barn, clothing, furniture & provisions, £754 : 18 : 11; Thomas Hill's house, barn, corn-house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £330; Doct. John Allens' house, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £830; Jonathan Lewis' house, four barns, store, corn-house, three out-houses, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £973 : 13 : 6; Thaddeus Burr's house, barn, store, out-houses, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £1,590 : 19 : 8; Widow Ann Dimon's house, barn, & two out-houses, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £386 : 7 : 9; David Allen's two houses, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £551 : 18 : 2; Samuel Penfield's house, barn, shop, out-house, stable, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £1,120 : 10; Jonathan Maltbie's house damaged, £1 : 10, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £47 : 7; Doct. Nathaniel Lathrop, a house occupied by William Elliott, £180; Rev. Mr. Elliott's clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £365 : 1 : 2; Capt. Job Bartram's house, shop, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £1.210 : 3 : 8; Thomas Hanford Wakeman's house, barn, furniture, clothing, provisions, &c. £197 : 8; Doct. Francis Forgue, a barn & appendages, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £454; Widow Abigail Hubbell's house, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £214 : 16 : 6; Maj. Elijah Abel's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, & c. £691 : 2 : 10; Stephen Turney's house damaged, two barns, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £94 : 5 : 10; The heirs of Ebenezer Burr, a house damaged £10; Abel Gold, a barn, clothing, provisions & furniture, £124; John Parsott's house, provisions, clothes, furniture, &c. £136 : 6 : 6; Eleazer Osborn, Jr's house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £211 : 9 : 4; The widow of Col. Gold, house, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £282 : 15; Edward Budington, (property of Samuel Squire,) house, £80, clothing, provisions, &c. the property of said Budington, £57 : 8 : 10; John Wasson, a house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £220; Capt. Ebenezer Bartram's house, £200; Samuel Squire, Jr., clothing, provisions, &c. £80 : 18 : 6; Abraham Parrot, clothing, provisions, &c. £4 : 11; Daniel Osborn's house, clothing, furniture & provisions, £246 : 15 : 6; George Allen's house, barn, shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £316 : 9; Thomas Staples' house, barn, clothing, provisions & furniture, £294 : 2 : 2; Moses Jennings' house, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, &c. £697 : 13 : 6; Isaac Jennings' house, barn, shop, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £409 : 7 : 10; Peter Burr's house, barn, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £377 : 0 : 9; Anthony Anabel, a house & shop, £60; Widow Rebecca Jennings' house, £80, barn, £15, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £47 : 17; Peter Hendricks' house, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £392; Andrew Wakeman's house, clothing, &c. £252 : 18; Seth Smith's house, clothing, &c. £56 : 7; The Widow Smith's house, provisions, furniture, &c. £41 : 0 : 6; Joseph Smith's clothing, provisions, ———; Widow Hannah Taylor's house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £45 : 4; Widow Mary Penfield's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £135; John Turney's two houses, barn, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £509 : 10; Capt. Samuel Squire's house, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £518 : 6 : 4; Jeremiah Jennings' house, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £220 : 8; The gaol & gaoler's houses, £500, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. ———; The County house, £1,000; Two school houses, £115; The meeting-house, £1,200; The Episcopal church, £500; Nathan Thompson Nichol's house, £80, shop, £10, clothing, &c. £5 : 10.

Total—97 dwelling houses, 67 barns, 48 stores, 2 school houses, 1 county house, 2 meeting houses & 1 Episcopal church. Damage was done to other individuals not mentioned aforesaid, to the amount of £1,855 : 3 : 2; by the destruction of personal property, a large share of which was owned by widows & other females.*

In May, 1787, Fairfield & the adjoining towns which had suffered from the attacks of the British, petitioned the General Assembly for the third time for a just remuneration of their losses. A final reply to these petitions was made in the following manner:

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* State Records Conn., 1780. Hinman's War of Revolution, pp. 616-618.

Lands Given The Sufferers For Losses Sustained During The War.

Upon a memorial in 1791 of the inhabitants of the towns of Fairfield & Norwalk, in Fairfield County, the great losses occasioned by the devastations of the British during the war were shown to the General Assembly; on which they prayed for remuneration from the State. A committee was appointed by the Legislature, in May, 1791, to ascertain from documents in the public offices, the losses, not only of the memorialists, but of others who had been sufferers under similar circumstances, that had been estimated in conformity to previous acts of the Assembly, such as had been occasioned by incursions of the enemy during the war. The Assembly, therefore, in May, 1792, by a resolution released & quit-claimed, to the sufferers, named on the State record, or to their legal representatives, if deceased, & to their heirs & assigns forever, 500,000 acres of land, owned by Connecticut, situated west of Pennsylvania, bounded north on Lake Erie, beginning at the west line of said lands, & extending eastward to a line running northerly & southerly parallel to the east line of said tract of land owned by this State, & extending the whole width of said lands, & easterly so far as to comprise said quantity of 500,000 acres (exclusive of former grants to sufferers, if any) to be divided among said sufferers & their legal representatives, in proportion to the several sums annexed to their names on record (which land is located in Huron County, in the State of Ohio).

The following sums were allowed to the sufferers in the several towns hereafter named, viz.:—Sufferers in Greenwich, £12,291 : 14 : 0¼; sufferers in Norwalk, £26,066 : 0 : 1; *sufferers in Fairfield,* £23,893 : 12 : 8.

Additional losses sustained by several inhabitants of Fairfield, in the enemy's expedition to Danbury, viz.:—£1,436 : 10 : 11; in Danbury £8,303 : 17 : 10¼; in New Haven & East Haven £16,912 : 16 : 6; in New London, £42,062 : 13 : 7; in Ridgefield, £1,730 : 1 : 10.

The sums advanced to Ridgefield by grants of the Assembly were deducted, & the net balances allowed.

To sufferers in Groton, £7,719 : 12 : 2.

Whole amount of losses allowed to the sufferers by the grant of said lands, being £251,606 : 8 : 8½.*

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* State Records Conn., 1791. Hinman's War of Revolution, p. 627.

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& appeared to be a principal hand in burning. I escaped from the conflagration of the town in the morning & concealed myself in a wet ditch & miry swamp. The soldiers generally appeared to be in a great panic thro' the night, & exceeding afraid that the rebels as they called us would be upon the(m) in the morning early.

ANN NICHOLS.

Fairfield County ss Fairfield July 21st 1779.

Personally appeared the above named Mrs. Ann Nichols & made oath to the truth of the same.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Lucretia Readfield wife to John Readfield of Fairfield of lawful age is as follows, viz.

That in the evening succeeding the 7th of inst. July the enemy under command of Gen^{l} Tryon came to my house & there found me with one child peaceably at home: three officers enquired of me for my husband. I told them he was from home & could not say whether under arms or not, whereupon they said one of their men had just before been taken prisoner near this house, & order'd the house to be fired, which was accordingly done, & I extinguish'd it. Whereupon night came on & thro' the whole night the soldiers went where they pleased and did as they pleased, without any restraint from their officers so far as I could observe, & they came to my house & abused me with abusive & insulting language, carriage & behaviour: They destroyed the furniture in the house, & attempted, with threats & promises, to prevail upon me to yield to their unchaste & unlawful desires. I obstinately denied them my body: three men then & there appeared intent to compass their wicked design, seized me & dragged me to the bed & attempted violence, but thanks to God there appeared that instant to come two persons who rescued me from their violence, one of whom told me he had been a prisoner in this town, & that he had received great civility from the inhabitants, & that he had an opinion of their being a worthy kind people, & those two persons protected me thro' the remainder of the night. My house was fir'd four times that night & next morning, & every time I extinguish'd it with great danger, & saved it & also a shop. Our mother Mrs. Readfield is an aged woman & wido. She lived in the house & was in peace at home. She was much insulted & abused, her cloaths were pulled indecently & her buckles stripped out of her shoes, her pockets violently seized & rifled, & the house in general rifled & plundered. And further this deponent saith not.

LUCRETIA READFIELD.

SS. Fairfield July 21st 1779.

Personally appear'd Lucretia Readfield the above deponent, & made solemn oath to the truth of the above deposition.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Ruana Roberson of lawful age, & wife of John Roberson of Fairfield is as follows, viz.

When the enemy on the evening of the 7th inst. first came into the westerly end of this town, I soon left my house & went to a neighbour's, which I heard was guarded, & there I found the general & a great number of officers, & one Mrs. Beardsley who belonged to the house was there, & pregnant, & appeared to be in travel. All the officers appeared disposed to treat her, & her assistance with decency, & in the course of the night, I often heard the officers & the general say, there should not be left a house or barn standing in the town by, or in the morning: there was but few soldiers in the house & they employed in waiting on tables, & they spared that dwelling house on account of Mrs. Beardsley, who was supposed to be in labour. They said the Commissioners made offers of peace & the Americans refused to accept them, & that their orders was to burn all, & I understood the orders was from England: they said they would burn the church for that it was not the Church of England nor had it been since the war, for the professors did not comply with the articles of the Church of England. The Hessians appeared active in plundering & burning, & seemed not to understand English. I was at sundry houses where they came & plundered & they gave to understand they pursued orders. And further saith not.

her
RUANA J ROBERSON.
mark

Fairfield July 22d 1779.

Personally appeared Ruana Roberson & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Isabella Trubee wife of Ansel Trubee of Fairfield is as follows, viz. That when the enemy on the night of the 7th inst. came to the westerly end of the town they appeared to be generally Hessians, & I concealed myself with two children in the cellar under the dwelling house of uncle David Beers, & there continued untill the enemy set fire to the house. Mr. Beers afores^{d} was at home with his wife & daughter & some grandchildren in peace & about his lawful business, they seized him & made him prisoner, my aunt, his wife, told them he was unarm'd & had not shot a gun she supposed within thirty years, & thereupon they set fire to the house & burnt it down, & also his shop & all therein. About this time my father Mr. Jos^{h} Beers came a few rods out of his house where he had been all day, in peace with my mother, & he was captivated by the Hessians & remains in captivity, & his house & barn was burnt & property destroyed. Mr. David Beers has since returned & says he was released at their embarkation.

her
ISABELLA | TRUBEE.
mark

SS. Fairfield July 23d 1779.

Personally appeared Isabella Trubee abovesd & made oath to the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

Rec. State Conn., Vol. II. pp. 546-553.

No. III

The committee appointed by the General Assembly in October 1779 to appraise the losses of each individual who had suffered by the conflagration & depredations of the enemy in Fairfield on the 7th & 8th of July made the following returns, Dated at Fairfield April 27th 1780.

DAMAGE SUSTAINED IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.

Account of the losses sustained in the town of Fairfield by the British, valued as in the year 1774.

At Greens Farms—The meeting house & bell, £600; Rev. Mr. Ripley's house & barn,

FAIRFIELD, CT.

A SUMMARY OF DATES.

The Great Swamp Fight, which ended the Pequot War, July 13th,	1637
The settlement of Uncoa by Roger Ludlow and other adventurers,	1639
Court established at Uncoa,	1640
First Meeting-house—a log structure—probably erected,	1640
Magistrates appointed for Uncoa,	1643
Rev. John Jones and a company from Concord join the Plantation,	1644
Name of settlement changed to Fairfield.	1645
First Mill built—the miller being Henry Jackson,	1648
The First Probate Records,	1648
The First Land Records (the first twelve pages being lost) William Hill being Recorder.	1649
Roger Ludlow's Code for Connecticut completed,	1650
The trial and execution of "Goody Knapp" for Witchcraft,	1653
Fairfield raises troops and declares war against the Dutch, Ludlow being appointed Commander-in-chief of the military forces,	1653
Ludlow returns to England and serves under Cromwell on the First Irish Commission.	1654
Meeting House rebuilt,	1663
County of Fairfield established, and Fairfield chosen as the Shire town, County buildings being erected and Courts held on the second Tuesday in March and the first Tuesday in November each year,	1666
Fairfield Probate Court created for the County,	1666
✓ Major Nathan Gold appointed by General Court Com-	

mander-in-chief of militia in Fairfield County,	1672
A Town Magazine ordered,	1674
Voted by the Town to build a stockade around the principal part of the settlement,	1675
A new Prison erected on the Meeting House Green,	1679
The Town orders a Stone Fort to be built on the Green,	1681
The Town votes that a stockade be constructed around the Meeting House, the School House and the Parsonage,	1689
Parish of Pequonnock (Stratfield) set off,	1691
Four Trials for Witchcraft, viz., Mrs. Staples, Goody Miller, Elizabeth Clawson and Mercy Desborough. The last named was convicted, but finally pardoned. The others were acquitted,	1692
Grammar School started,	1693
✓ Death of Major Nathan Gold, "A Pious and Worthy Magistrate,"	1694
New School House on the Green,	1695
The new Meeting House, forty-five feet square,	1698
Rev. Joseph Webb joins with nine other ministers in founding Yale College,	1701
Fairfield made a Port of Entry,	1702
✓ Nathan Gold (the second) elected Lieutenant-Governor of Connecticut, continuing in office sixteen years,	1708
The Parish of West Farms (Green's Farms) set off,	1711
The new County Court House, Prison and Jailer's House erected on the Green,	1718
The Parish of Greenfield Hill set off,	1725
First House of Worship erected by Church of England people on Mill Plain,	1725
The Parish of Redding organized,	1729
Church of England people build their second house of worship on the King's Highway, west of the Meeting House Green,	1738
The Town orders a new Meeting House for the members of the State Church. The edifice is built on the site of the former house of Worship, and stands sixty feet long,	

forty-four feet wide, twenty-six feet high, with a steeple rising one hundred and twenty feet from the foundation, 1747

Rev. Noah Hobart's Second Book Addressed to the Episcopal Separation is published by D. Fowle, in Queen Street, Boston. 1751

The Parish of Norfield (Weston) is set off, 1757

Guard House and Hospital for His Majesty's 48th Regiment erected, 1758

Stratfield Baptist Church erects House of Worship, 1761

The Parish of North Fairfield (now called Easton) is organized, 1763

Court House, Jail, Jailer's House and Pound are destroyed by fire, 1768

Town voted in April to erect new Court House, Jail and Jailer's House, 1768

Judge Ebenezer Silliman elected Speaker of Assembly, 1773

Town voted to send relief to Boston—750 bushels of grain, 1774

Daughters of Liberty make stockings, linen shirts, homespun garments of various kinds, and send them to the besieged citizens in Boston, 1774

Major Gold Sellick Silliman appointed Lieutenant-Colonel. 1774

Washington passes through Fairfield en route for Boston, June 28th, 1775

"Married at the residence of Thaddeus Burr, Esq., by the Rev. Andrew Eliot, the Hon. John Hancock, President of the Continental Congress, to Miss Dorothy Quincy, daughter of Edmund Quincy of Boston," September 28, 1775
(Extract from Church Register.)

General Silliman captured and carried by the British to Long Island, May 1st, 1779

The Burning of Fairfield by General Tryon, July 8th and 9th, 1779

The Town votes to build a new Town House and Court House on site where the School House stood, August 31, 1779

The Academy at Greenfield Hill is established, 1783

Fairfield a Half-Shire Town, 1784

FAIRFIELD
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The new Meeting House begun on site of former House,	1785
"The Conquest of Canaan," by Timothy Dwight, is published,	1785
Jonathan Sturges becomes the first member of Congress from this district.	1789
Washington visits Fairfield, his fourth visit in town, October 16th,	1789
A Stake is to be driven on the Parade, Mill Plain, where the new Episcopal Church is to be built,	1790
"Greenfield Hill," a poem by Timothy Dwight, appears,	1794
Dr. Dwight is called to the Presidency of Yale College,	1795
Trinity Church is dedicated,	1798
Fairfield Academy is founded,	1804
Lewis B. Sturges serves this District as a Member of Congress,	1805
Fort on Grover's Hill is put in order, and Fairfield prepares for war,	1812
Samuel Burr Sherwood serves the District as Member of Congress,	1817
The State Church is dis-established by Legislature. The Prime Ancient Society continues to be supported by a tax levied upon members of the Parish,	1818
Gideon Tomlinson represents the District in Congress,	1819
Gideon Tomlinson is elected Governor of the State,	1827
Gideon Tomlinson becomes a member of the U. S. Senate,	1831
Thomas B. Osborne represents the District in Congress,	1839
Roger Minott Sherman is appointed a Judge of the Superior Court,	1840
The new House of Worship for the Prime Ancient Society is erected,	1850
The Court removes to Bridgeport,	1853
New House of Worship, Greenfield Hill, is erected,	1854
St. Paul's Church is organized.	1856
The Fifth Edifice of Trinity Church is destroyed by a tornado,	1862
The Gray Stone House of Worship for Southport Congregational Church is dedicated.	1876

A list of the persons who suffered by the enemy in burning the town of Fairfield, on the 7th and 8th days of July, 1779, and had their taxes abated by the Committee appointed by the General Assembly for that purpose:

	List, 1781.	List, 1782.
Anthony Annibil,	£20.	£20. 7. 6
David Annibil,	18.	34.12. 0
Elijah Abel,	30.12.	28.11. 6
George Allen,	33. 7. 6	28.11. 6
David Allen,	56. 8. 3	77. 2. 6
Eben Bartram,	44.11	42.15
John Allen,	18. 6.	6.18
Nehemiah Buddington,	23.	21.
Andrew Bulkley,	20.	29.
James Bulkley,	20.	21.
Walter Buddington,	23. 5.	24.15
Peter Burr,	76. 1. 6	81. 7
Samuel Beers,	55. 2. 6	60. 8. 6
Joseph Beers,	31.19.	37.19. 0
Abigail Burr,	3.12.	3. 8.
David Burr,	22.10.	28. 6
William Buddington,	21.	21.
David Burr,	4. 4.	
Wakeman Burr,	25.	21.
Samuel Burr,	42.17. 6	44.17. 6
Job Bartram,	11.12. 7	6.11.19
Priscilla Burr,	24. 0. 6	32. 6. 6
Thaddeus Burr,	145. 1. 4	167.16. 6
David Beers,	55. 2. 6	62. 2. 6
Ann Dimon,	26.19.	25.
William Dimon,	51. 6.	60. 2.
Elizabeth Gold,	48. 8. 9	39. 1. 6
Peter Wendzich,	22. 8.	27. 8.
David Jennings,	39. 6.	51.18.
Isaac Jarvis,	43. 9.	22 66.
Moses Jennings,	70. 5.	62.18. 6

	List, 1781.	List, 1782.
Abigail Jennings,	£4.	£2.14. 9
Stephen Jennings,	76. 2.	96.06.
Jeremiah Jennings,	40. 5.	56.10.
Lathrop Lewis,	40.10.	48.10.
Sturges Lewis,	72.19 .6	73. 7. 6
Jonathan Lewis,	130.19. 6	132.12. 6
Hezekiah Nicholls,	54.19. 6	60.11.
Thos. T. Nicholls,	20.15.	19. 3. 6
Eleazer Osborn, Jr.,	12. 5	
Marble Osborn,	30. 6. 6.	20. 2. 2
Daniel Osborn,	96. 5. 9.	74. 0. 6
John Parsons,	18.	21.
Nathaniel Parsons,	19. 5	1. 5
John Parritt,	24.	23.
Samuel Penfield,	52. 8. 3.	54. 8. 3
John Robertson,	26.	39.
Samuel Rowland,	35. 13.	59.16. 3
Andrew Rowland,	48. 3.	91.16. 7
Samuel Squier,	18.	21.
John Smedley,	87.12	87.12.
Seth Sturges,	44. 7. 6	51.10. 6
Joseph Squier,	25.14.	35. 1.
Thomas Staples,	74.16.	66. 4.
Ebenezer Sturges,		24.16.
John Squier, Jr.,	37. 5. 6	38.17
Judson Sturges,	63. 1.	71. 2
Joseph Sturges (children),	31. 16.6	35.13. 6
Jonathan Sturges,	99. 2.	137.18.11
Samuel Squier,	85. 4.6	85.18.6
Hezekiah Sturges,	157. 4.	142. 5.
Samuel Sturges,	13. 4.	12. 6.
Samuel Smedley,	13.19.	13.19.
Joseph Smith,	40.14.6	40. 5. 6
Eliphalet Thorp,	30. 4.	31.14.
Ansel Truby,	19.10.	28. 0. 1
Isaac Tucker,	18.	
Stephen Thorp,	30. 4.	31.14.
John Turney,	61. 1.6	58. 2. 6
Eben Wakeman,	99.18.	67. 8. 6

	List, 1781.	List, 1782.
Andrew Wakeman,	£124 17.	£116. 4. 6
Jabez Thorp,	52.13.6	60. 8. 6
Isaac Turney,	34. 8.	37. 8.
Reuben Burr,	27. 2.	31. 3. 9
Wakeman Burritt		85.11. 0
John Williams, Jr.,	1. 4.	27. 5.
Wright White,	4.	31.
John Mason,	25.10.	28. 8.
Thos. H. Wakeman,		6.17. 6

GREEN'S FARMS.

Sarah Andrews,	£ 8.10.	£ 7.14.
Abraham Andrews,	72. 0. 6	69. a. 3
George Patterson	21.	21.
Walter Carson,	9.	13.18. 1
Nathan Godfrey,	62. 8.6	93.15. 3
Ebenezer Jessup,	141. 3.	101.19. 9
Moss Kent,	161.	105. 8.
Eunice Morehouse,	95. 6. 6	84.
Eben Morehouse,	111. 6. 6	91.17. 3
Gruman Morehouse,	21.14.	43.
Samuel Smith,	21.	27. 2. 6
Gideon Morehouse,	45.66.	35.16. 6
Jesup Wakeman,	32. 5. 9	
John Morehouse,	57.14.	64.18. 6

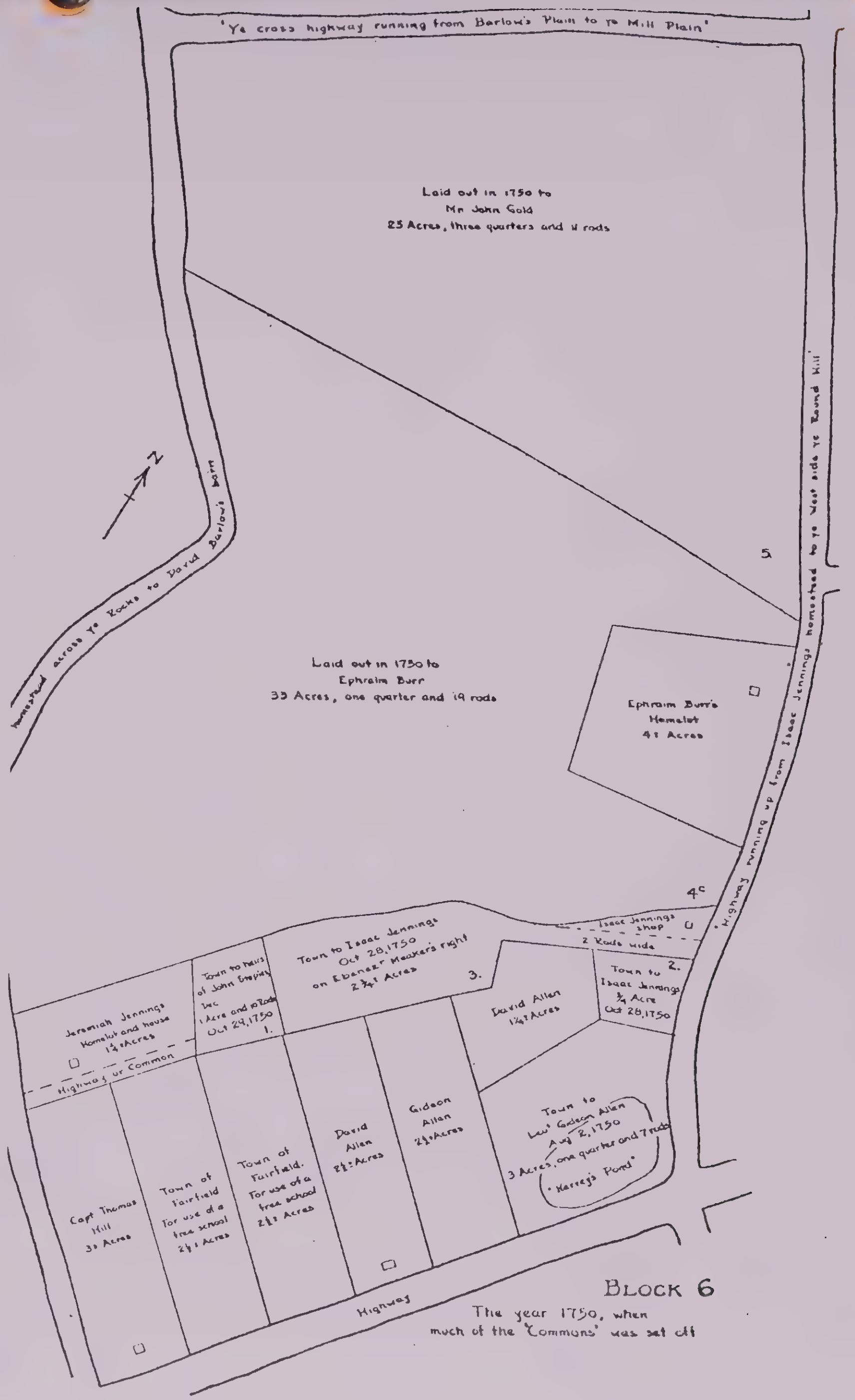
——Abated by the Assembly the sum of £4,088.12 in the year 1781. The sum of £4,088.12 to be apportioned to the sufferers of said town.

Roger Knapp bef. 1653
Alexander Knowles by 1654
Edward Lacy by 1694-5
Richard Lattin 1649
Robert Lockwood 1657
Robert Lord bef. 1698
Roger Ludlow 1639
Richard Lyon by 1679
Dougal MacKenzie by 1696
Robert Meeker by 167-
Joseph Middlebrook 1644
Thomas Morehouse by 1653
John Nash
Thomas Newton 1645
William Odell 1660
Richard Ogden by 1687
Nehemiah Olmstead by 1657
Richard Osborn 1652
John Palmer 1669
Joseph Patchen 1652
Richard Perry 1649
Philip Pinkney 1650
Philip Price bef. 1694-5
Francis Purdy by 1645
William Read bef. 1673
James Redfield by 1693
Robert Risden abt. 1663
Samuel Robinson 1670-1
Henry Rowland bef. 1650
Robert Rumsey 1669-70
Ezekiel Sanford 1673-4
Nathaniel Seeley by 1657
Thomas Shervington 1650
Thomas Sherwood 1648
Daniel Silliman 1661
Thomas Skidmore by 1667
Samuel Smedley 1690
Giles Smith 1651
William Sprague 1680
George Squire 1644
Thomas Staples 1639
George Stuckey 1645
John Sturges by 1674
Charles Taintor abt. 1643
John Thompson 1660-1
John Tompkins 1644
Samuel Treadwell abt. 1661
Samuel Trowbridge by 1697
Michael Try abt. 1646
Benjamin Turney 1644
Richard Vowles 1661
Rev. Samuel Wakeman 1673
Joseph Waller bef. 1672
Andrew Ward 1647
Rev. Joseph Webb 1692
Richard Westcott 1645
Ephraim Wheeler 1644
Thomas Wheeler 1644
Henry Whelpley bef. 1662
Richard Whidden bef. 1686
John Whitlock bef. 1697
Thomas Williams 1676
Anthony Wilson by 1646
Edward Wilson by 1684
John Wilson bef. 1670
Samuel Wilson by 1679
Andrew Winton 1684

APPENDIX B

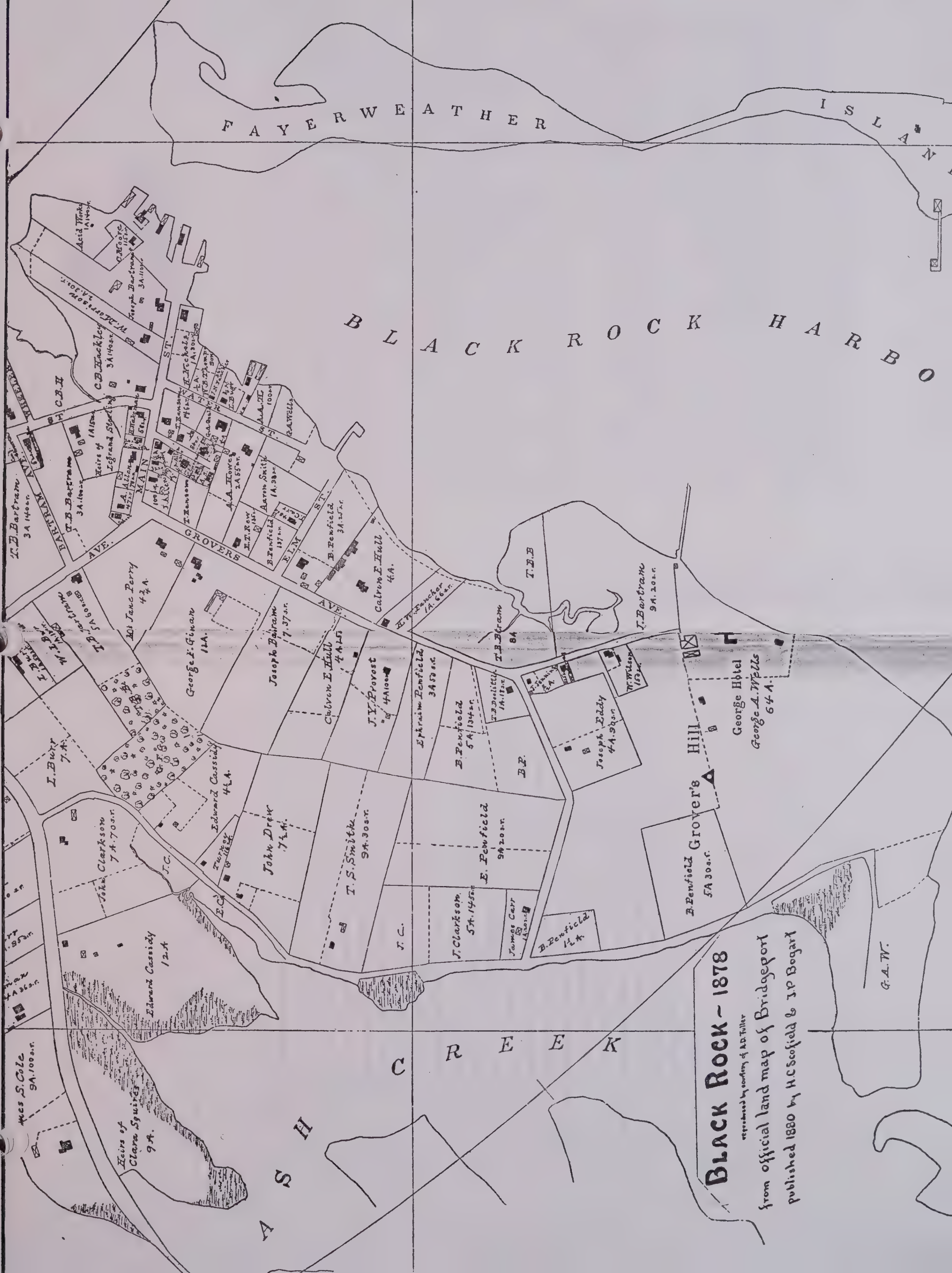
KNOWN SETTLERS BEFORE 1700

Edward Adams 1650
Francis Andrews
John Applegate 1663
John Banks 1649
John Barlow 1650
Thomas Barlow 1650
Thomas Barnum (sold 1678)
John Bartram 1692
Thomas Bassett 1653
Joseph Bastard (Deputy 1691)
William Bateman 1644
Thomas Baxter 1657
Thomas Beardsley by 1656
Thomas Bedient bef. 1680
Anthony Beers 1670
James Beers bef. 1670
William Benfield
James Bennet 1644
Robert Bispham (alias Bisbom) by 1685
Robert Bloomer by 1666
Richard Bouton by 1665
Francis Bradley 1660
Thomas Bulkley 1644
Jehu Burr 1645
John Cable 1644
Henry Castle 1678
John Chapman 1647
Robert Churchill 1694
Peter Clapham 1660
. . . . Close bef. 1653
Michael Clugston by 1694
Samuel Cobbitt (Deacon)
Peter Coley by 1690
Simon Couch by 1663-4
Elijah Crane bef. 1697
William Cross bef. 1655
John Darling
John Davis 1679
Albert Dennie by 1686
Thomas Dickenson 1656
Thomas Dimon bef. 1658
Thomas Disbrow bef. 1688-9
John Downs 1699
Samuel Drake 1650
John Eggleden (alias John Iggleden) 1652
James Everts 1655-6
Jonathan Fanton 1688
Daniel Finch 1649
John Fossecar 1656
John Foster bef. 1671-2
Samuel French bef. 1694
William Frost bef. 1644-5
Philip Galpin 1657
Obadiah Gilbert by 1662
Christopher Godfrey bef. 1698
George Godwin by 1651
Nathan Gold bef. 1656
Henry Gray by 1643
John Green 1649
John Grumman 1653-4
Luke Guire bef. 1699
Francis Hall 1654
Edmund Harvey 1647
Stephen Hedges 1653
Hendrick Hendrickson 1655-6
John Herdman by 1665
Humphrey Hide 1649
Thomas Hill bef. 1686
William Hill bef. 1649
Simon Hoyt 1649 (but soon to Stamford)
Richard Hubbell by 1664
George Hull 1647
Thomas Hurlburt 2nd bef. 1697
Henry Jackson 1648-9
Joseph James bef. 1678
Rev. Thomas James bef. 1653
Joshua Jennings 1650
Edward Jessup (moved by 1649) 1639
Peter Johnson (Dutch) 1650
Rev. John Jones 1644


'Ye cross highway running from Barlow's Plain to ye Mill Plain'
Laid out in 1750 to Mr John Gold 25 Acres, three quarters and 11 rods
Laid out in 1750 to Ephraim Burr 33 Acres, one quarter and 19 rods
Ephraim Burr's Homelot 4½ Acres
5
4c
Highway running up from Isaac Jennings homestead to ye West side ye Round Hill'
homestead across ye Rocks to David Barlow's barn
N
Isaac Jennings shop
2 Rods wide
2.
Town to Isaac Jennings ¾ Acre Oct 28,1750
David Allen 1¼ Acres
3.
Town to Isaac Jennings Oct 28,1750 on Ebenezr Meaker's right 2¾ Acres
Town to heirs of John Gregory Dec 1 Acre and 10 Rods Oct 29,1750
1.
Jeremiah Jennings Homelot and house 1¼ Acres
Highway or Common
Town to Lieut Gideon Allen Aug 2,1750 3 Acres, one quarter and 7 rods
"Harvey's Pond"
Gideon Allen 2½ Acres
David Allen 2½ Acres
Town of Fairfield. For use of a free school 2½ Acres
Town of Fairfield For use of a free school 2½ Acres
Capt Thomas Hill 3 Acres
Highway

BLOCK 6

The year 1750, when much of the 'Commons' was set off



BLACK ROCK – 1878

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The Utility of Journals is sufficiently evident from the following Considerations,

1st They Shew the Progress of Virtue & the downfall of Vice & the Causes that have contributed to either

2d From what has happened we may predict what will; like Causes produce like effects & 40 years are generally a Sample of the whole extent of Time—

3d By knowing the Time any Transaction happened we may exculpate ourselves from any Crime falsely Imputed.

4th By knowing the Time of one Event we may guess nearly at others that were Neighbours.

5th A Journal is the handmaid of Composition teaching us to clothe our Ideas with proper Expressions.—

6th A great assistant to Writing, for by having a Book in a convenient place & inserting every remarkable Occurrence therein the hand soon gains a command over the Pen.—

7th By Observing what has succeeded we find what means will be necessary to attain the end we are in quest of.

8th By Observing the Mistakes of others we mend our own.—

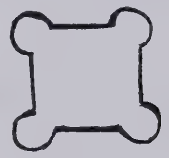
9th By reading a Journal we live as it were our Life over again & are contemporary with our Ancestors long since past & gone besides an inconceivable number of other benefits resulting from an exact & well chosen relation of past Transactions.

1630-1772

[The first page includes genealogical notes on the Wheeler family, which have been arranged in the "Family Index."]

The first Wheeler that came into America settled in Concord (Massachusetts) about the year 1630. He had several sons & one of them came to Black Rock and at the old Lot built a stone house with a flat roof of Plank on which he mounted two four-pounders,—one pointed towards the Mouth of the Harbor & the other at an Indian fort situated at the head of the harbor, now known by the name of Old Fort.

This place the Fairfield Indians had built for their defence against some of the interior tribes with whom they were perpetually at War. It was composed of Palisades joined together & at each corner a room was built out with portholes like the following figure:



It contained about an acre of land & was garrisoned by about 200 Indians fond of War & often solliciting the Old Indian for leave to destroy the English. Once they obtained it on condition of pulling up a large neighboring White Oak Tree—

Well, to work they went & stript off its branches, but still the trunk baffled their utmost endeavours.

"Thus" says the Old Sachem, "will be the end of your War—you may kill some of their papooses, but the old plaguey Stump t'other side of the great Waters will remain & send out more branches—"

It happened one time that 6 of the Mohawk tribe, being closely pursued by the Fairfield Indians were secreted by one

of the Waklins of Stratfield under some sheaves of Flax, & being directed homewards, were the occasion of the long Amity that subsisted between that tribe and the English.—

Many remains of the Indians are daily discovered, as Stone arrows, hatchets, etc. In Greenfield is a Samp Mortar made in the solid rock, containing nearly half a Bushel.

A pot has been seen in Weston of Stone & a stone bottle was found very curiously made, holding about half a pint, at Black Rock some years since. A great part of their food seems to have been Oysters, Clams &c. by the vast beds of Shells that are frequently dug out of the Earth.

My Grandfather had (I learn from tradition, there being no journals left of those times) many brothers & sisters, 14 in all.

Hannah, the youngest, was a very intelligent person—about 18 years of age. She was courted & expected to be married to Ringfield a Captain of a ship who gave her a gold ring, 3 pair of green silk stockings &c, but he being gone for so long, she was courted & married by Sam Wheeler.

On the day of their marriage, a Ship appearing taken for Ringfield by the Bride, she burst into tears & declared she would not be married, & half dressed hid in a hole in the back kitchen of my grandfather who, with horsewhip in hand, dragged her out, but she ran around him as he attempted to strike.—

They finally concluded to dispatch a boat to see who commanded said ship. Finding it was not Ringfield (who was lost) she was married, but never could the Capt. be erased from her mind, as (I am told by a person who was eye witness) she used frequently at 75 years of age to weep over his presents.

1740 & 1741

was the Hard Winter. The Ground, covered with Snow to the tops of the fences for 40 days. It did not thaw the least on the sunny side of the House.

Waklin, original form of present Wakelee and Wakeley name.
Sergeant Samuel Wheeler was son of Deacon Isaac Wheeler.

A snow fell about the middle of December which filled the roads & buried a pair of Oxen at the old fort, owned by Sam. Gold. They were found by their breathing holes. The harbour continued frozen from that time till the middle of May— Capt. Bostwick & Capt. Dimon were loading for the West Indies. Dimon saild as winter set in. Bostwick was ready, but delaying one night, was froze in & had to cart hay to his stock for 3 months. When going out of the Sound, he found Dimon returning.

> (*From sketch of Mrs. Jonathan Wheeler.*) She was remarkable for storytelling. In her father's days she said the Sound was froze over and her father went half way to Long Island when it began to break up. He being an active man, sprang from one cake to another till he got ashore. It used to be so cold as to freeze cattle's mouths up & they would have to get a teakettle of hot water to thaw them out. It used in winter time to freeze people's voices, and in the Spring when a thaw came there would be all kinds of noises heard in the air.

1753

In June & July the bloody Flux raged to such a degree that 2 or 3 were buried in Fairfield daily (of the dysentry)

1758

March 22—Earthquake in New England.

1763

The dry summer—begun very early—everything parched up—Old pasture spring dug.

1767

August—Two Indians were whipt & stood in the Pillory for stealing a child & leaving it in the fields

1768

Isaac Frazier, a noted thief, was hung at Fairfield.

1771

July—The Lightning struck Stratfield meetinghouse & killed uncle John Burr & ripped open the Shoes of his brother Ozias that stood near him & killed likewise David Sherman.

1772

March 7—Snow storm. (this month seven large snowstorms—the 2nd day of April snow higher than the fences.

Sept. 2—In the evening 2 black clouds appeared in the South-West & North-West, & one seemed to come & meet them directly over Fairfield from the North East—at half past Eight it began to thunder incessantly. The flashes of Lightning, which seemed to set the room in a blaze, were about a minute's distance from each other, accompanied with bursts of Thunder like the whole broadside of a Ship, making the Earth to tremble and at the same time lifting one of our family from the seat at the side of the house onto her feet. At the same time the room was filld with a sulphurous smell.

(Struck Abel Wheeler's house twice and his signpost once—It was a tavern where much vice was seen) Abel Wheeler got up, it struck him down; then they all stood up & were struck down—The Lightning ran in streams all through the Rooms, broke all the lower windows, but hurt none of the people.

Down rushed the Rain, impetuous as if the floodgates of heaven had been opened.

Many thought it was the World's last Session & trembling sat, expecting every Breath to be the last for 3 long hours; but at ½ past 11 it ceased.

They all agree that the Storm tonight has been the hardest one that e'er this Land has seen. It must as nigh as we could guess Strike 90 times about this Place. A Barn was struck & burnt in Town.

Revolutionary War

"And seald is now each life that could have told" Byron—*Lara.*

I have always regretted that I did not keep a journal of the War which began in 1775, being then 13 years of age, whereas I began to write 1780.
(*Autobiographical sketchbook,* from which indented entries are quoted.)

1774

June—Boston Port shut up—Connecticut people contributed for their relief.

1775

April 19—War between Britain & America began.

1776

Independency declared.

1777

April 24—Eighteen Sail landed at Compo 2,500 Men who marched up thro Greenfield & North Fairfield to Danbury, stayd there one night, destroyed the Stores of Provision. Our people collected & Gen. Arnold built a breastwork in Ridgefield & with 250 men stopt the whole army for 15 minutes. On our side lost Col. Gould & a considerable number more were killed.

I perfectly remember the expedition of the enemy to Danbury (1777) & was at work in my father's garden when our people met them at Ridgefield where a temporary breastwork was thrown up of rails & behind which 250 patriots were posted under the command of Gen.

Arnold who sustained the fire of the whole British army (2200 picked men) for 15 minutes till the flank guards came round the corner of the house that stood by the side of the road where they were engaged—

Arnold, mounted on a horse, rode up to the breastwork and encouraged our men to fight until his horse was shot dead under him—the soldier that shot the horse running to take Arnold, he while dropping, snatched his pistol from the holster and brought him to the ground with "Damn you, take that!"

My wife had a greatuncle (David Patchin) an experienced marksman at shooting pigeons every fall, who was used to such sport as this, having been in the old French war,—when under Abercrombie. His righthand man (as he has often told me) was shot down twice in one day & then he had seven shots when he took as he said as good sight as ever he did at pigeons,—the last time at one that came round the corner of the house about 3 rods distance. He saw him drop, & then, under cover of the smoke of the whole volley which the British poured in upon them, retreated, & when that left him, skulked behind a rock where the balls struck spat! spat! spat! in the manner of hail; but soon under cover of more smoke, he came off safely ...

The place where they retreated was a cleared spot through an orchard,—no cover—& there Col. Gould of Fairfield was shot & was buried next day with the honors of war, three volleys being fired over his grave ... (He married my mother's sister.)

The firing was distinctly heard at Black Rock from Ridgefield and caused many melancholy sensations—

Gen. Wooster endeavored to attack them in their rear, but his men would not come on, & there he was killed, being near 70 years of age.

"To the immortal memory of the Generals Warren, Montgomery, Mercer, Herkimer, Nash, Wooster, and all the renowned heroes that ever bled & died in the defence of their country"—was a toast given about that time that is now fresh in my memory.

1779

April 25—A boat load with 8 or 10 men landed against Old Fort at the head of Black Rock harbor in the night & marched up to Gen. Silliman's & took him & his son William through the broken place in the beach to Long Island, then in possession of the enemy. They were piloted by one of our own (Tories). As they passed over the beach, the old 12 pounders at the battery three times distinctly in a calm night made the windows of my chamber shake. We were soon out, expecting the next moment to be a prisoner, but sending to the battery we learned the cause. The next morning the tracks of 8 men were discernible; 2 traced to the house of Ezra Wheeler, the next neighbor, who was

tried for life before Putnam (then cantoned at a wood in Redding for the convenience of fuel in winter)—he was liberated.

July 7—At 7 in the morning, the fog clearing off, the enemy's fleet, just returned from plundering New Haven, appeared. Three guns announced an alarm—everyone busy in moving or throwing their things out of doors. About 11 o'clock 1,600 regular troops landed at the foot of the bar on town beach. Isaac Jarvis commanded the battery at the point of Grover's Hill, Black Rock, who, as soon as the British turned to go up the beach lane, fired a 12-pounder with ball & grapeshot, & kept it going till it was so hot you could hardly bear your hand thereon.

As they approached the parade, a field piece let go a ball & grapes through them.

I was at that time on Toilsome Hill, having been just above with my father to drive cattle to our woodland, to keep them from the enemy. As we arrived at Black Rock, it was with no pleasant sensation we heard the firing back towards Barlow's-plain, & seemed to be in danger of being hemmed in—this, however, we prevented by taking the upper bridge.

Black Rock people soon assembled on Grover's hill, among whom were several females, where we could see the enemy marching up. A continual cracking from near Round-hill was kept up the remainder of the afternoon & sometimes from a field-piece.

The first building that appeared on fire was the guard-house at Kenzy's point; next one at Barlow's plain. You might from Black Rock see the fire shine through the windows & presently the fire on the outside.

At night the British placed guards round the town which were plainly seen by the burning houses,—while many a column of Fire from the flaming buildings & frequent flashes of Lightning from a western cloud with discharges of cannon & musquetry formed a Prospect the most Gloomy & comfortless imaginable to the poor inhabitants who, many of them sheltered only by the Canopy of Heaven, without a second Suit to their backs, or a Penny in their Purse, beholding from a Distance the fruit of all their toil & labor expiring in a Cloud of smoke & cinders.

April 25—Ezra Wheeler's brothers Josiah and Abraham, as Tories, had their estates confiscated subsequently, but Ezra Wheeler remained in Black Rock and served as a member of the battery guard in 1779.

The town burnt all night—a cloud seemed to remain fixed in the west, from which issued frequent flashes of lightning; this, joined to many a column from the flaming buildings & frequent discharges of cannon & musketry on the British guard placed around the town; the poor inhabitants, with no shelter, with no clothing but what they had on; wives separated from their husbands & exposed to the indecencies of an infuriated soldiery, rendered truly diabolical by the spirits they found in plenty in the town,—formed a scene altogether so shocking that Fairfield will never see again, nor her present silken sons & daughters can form any conception of.

There were some instances of great bravery among the inhabitants of Fairfield. A Mr. Tucker fired from his shop on the parade at the whole army only a few rods distant, & was wounded by them in the shoulder & taken prisoner. Mr. Parsons fired from a chamber into the road & killed a British officer; then running out the back door made his escape. The enemy coming into the house, found an old negro bed-ridden; they said it was him, he declared it was not; they put the bayonet into him & burnt the house, next day my brother saw him about half burnt up & a beam lying on him.

Parsons, after this taking a prisoner, was conducting him away when he was taken prisoner himself.

Joseph Gold, a very old man & feeble, going off, stopped at a spring to drink; they commanded him to stop; he would not; they shot him.

Several women stayed in town to save their houses; but were so frighted, they said they would never again stay.

Jonathan Bulkley, living on the Green, stayed, got a protection from General Tryon & saved his house & three adjoining houses.

July 8—A Row-Galley, mounting an 18-pounder of brass, lay ¾ of a mile from the Battery, & fired upon it, sending some shot over the hill; & the Battery firing on them, & hallooing with a speaking trumpet to turn their broadside towards them & they would give it to them.

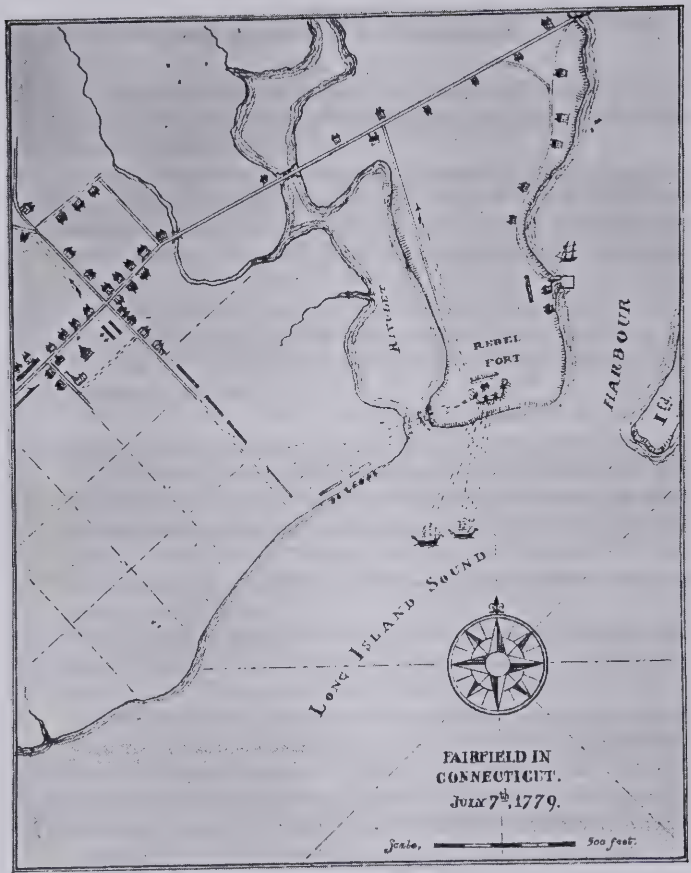
Isaac Jarvis commanded at the Battery. Had he been a coward, 10 more houses would have been burnt; Squire's, Burr's, Silliman's, Holbertons, Fowler's, Chauncy's, Widow Wheeler's, Ichabod Wheeler's, E. Wheeler's, Bartrams.

About noon the enemy returned on board at Kenzy's Point, & were pursued through the burning houses by enraged inhabitants, and at Sandy Lane the roar of the small arms was continued like the roll of a drum.

Our people would have paid them as they were embarking, had they not levelled all the stone walls near the shore where our men might get behind, & drew up their armed vessels to keep off the Americans.

It is said the Fairfield people fought much better than they did at New Haven or Norwalk, which was burnt soon after.

About 40 of the enemy were found dead & 8 or 10 of ours. No doubt



MAP OF FAIRFIELD, 1779

When the British burned Fairfield this map was made for or by Lieutenant Lawru of the invading army,—hence the military accuracy of the details of gun-range and position of troops,—and hence also the many inaccuracies in the topography of the hinterland—unfamiliar, of course to a British observer.

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many were wounded & carried off with them, for about a fortnight after, when on guard at the point, I observed the remains of one washed out of the sand where they had buried him.

Eighty dwelling-houses, besides barns, stores, etc. were consumed. A Presbyterian meeting-house, Episcopalian Church & a Court-house, Green's Farms with their meeting-house, & Mill River (Village) were burnt at the same time.

Eleven houses were left standing, some of them extinguished by our people who followed close at the heels of the English, & afforded a refuge to the poor inhabitants from a hard succeeding winter, the most terrible but one (1740) ever seen since the settlement of New England.

The severe cold quieted in some measure our fears from an attack, & made the enemy in New York tremble in their turn for fear our men should march on the ice & attack them—& affording us a long season of excellent sleighing.

Thus graciously did a kind Providence favour & defend us from an unrelenting foe, till they were tired out by the contest.

The Sabbath after, Mr. Eliot preached (from 'Our holy & our beautiful house, where our fathers praised thee, is burned up with fire; and all our pleasant things are laid waste') at Holland Hill* where Fairfield people assembled, not daring to meet near the shore for fear of being taken prisoners, so fearful were they—& long after, they could hardly sleep in their beds.

My father had a place for his silver tankard & some silver therein, in a stonewall. Many a time he has gone in a dark night with his gun to see if no enemy's boat came over the beach.

Sometimes very few guards at the Battery or anywhere else. Strange that the enemy did not burn us in the four long years that the war lasted after this time. I listed as a soldier in the Guard (Upper Wharf) from May 16th till July 7th, when Fairfield was burnt, being 16 years of age. We had a double fortified 3 pounder, which sent a shot over a boat of the enemy's, sounding at the broken place of the beach."

About a fortnight after the Fire, I was drafted to go upon Guard a fortnight in town. We kept Guard upon the Beach & Kinsey's point,—3 sentrys at each place. One night as we were on Guard, we heard a Boat row, &

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* William Wheeler's recollection seems here at variance with the Parish register which states that the church service of July 11th after the burning of Fairfield was held at the house of Deacon Bulkley—which was one of the few houses near the Green left standing. Services on subsequent Sundays were held at Deodate Silliman's and other houses.

July 8—The silver tankard, hidden by Captain Ichabod Wheeler, is now in the collection of the Historical Society in Fairfield.

ran to the Shore & lay on the Beach ready for them, but it went to Greens Farms & landed there. News soon come to Town and as they fird the Cannon to make an alarm, one poor fellow was so affrighted that he dropt down.

Alarms almost every night, some of them false. With driving away our cattle & carting away furniture occupied us the rest part of the year. One morning we saw 30 ships off the Harbor.

1780

Jan.—A vast quantity of light snow fell & a strong N.W. Wind blew it incessantly for 3 or 4 days thicker than a snow storm & drifted so hard that sleds, loaded, came over the tops of the fences.

The Harbor was froze so hard that loads of wood went on the Channel, the Ice being ½ foot thick.

Capt. Parks cut out from the upper Wharf in 14 days. Ducks, Geese, &c laid out on the land. Joseph Bartram came across the Sound at Whitestone after his escape from the old Jersey Prison Ship.

The winter of 1780 was much the severest that had occurred in 40 years, the Snow filled the roads from side to side, & the air was proportionately keen. In one of the coldest nights of that dreary winter, 7 captives having got out of the Ship (one of them, Ebenezer Bartram, our neighbor, had his toes frozen) waited on the ice for about 40 more. They not coming, they took to their heels, amidst a shower of bullets which were fird from the surrounding guardships, & made for the land.

When they arrived on Long Island they came to a house where they were dancing & went in.

A British officer present sent off for a guard to secure them & placed himself at the door to obstruct their retreat, but their comrade, a huge Irishman, with one blow felled him to the floor.

They then set off in the night once more, but the air was so extremely piercing, sad necessity obliged them to stop at another house where only an old man & his wife occupied the fire. To this they made directly

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The name Joseph Bartram may be mistaken for Ebenezer, his brother; cf. following note and entry, 1781.

without ceremony. The inhabitants were shy, but when they got warm, the Americans told them they were going to New York.

"No" said the old man, "I know who you are,—you are prisoners from the ship, but fear nothing. The officer you saw has gone for a guard, but cannot be back in two hours,—have something to eat."

Having partook of some refreshment, he piloted them to a Stack where they staid till the search was over, and then retired to a Barn where the Old man fed them all next day, & the succeeding night sent his son to show them where they could cross the Sound which they did, steering by the stars—

They never could hear of their friend the Old man afterwards, whom it would have delighted them to reward.

While in Prison, their allowance was scarce enough to keep body & soul together—their bedclothing was so scant that onehalf had to walk in their shirts while the rest slept, & those that were delicate perished. In those long & dismal nights they were enveloped in total darkness, being allowed no candles.

(Related to me by T. Bartram, brother of the Captain.)

March 18—Capt. Fry & Lieut. Willard & twenty soldiers went to Town, having been here 46 days. (Garrison of the Fort.)

March 27—I begun to study Latin Grammar with Mr. Eliot.

I began my studies & so large a portion of the town consumed, the Cats & Rats took to the houses that remained in great numbers. Our master put down his hand to stroke one of the rats, thinking him to be poor Horace, his favorite dog.

When the town was burnt, some were for dismissing their Pastor that they could not pay him, but he courageously told them that he would continue with them even if they gave him nothing.

He was a fine scholar in the Latin tongue and a very social & merry in company—his salary was 420 dollars per Annum.

(This Year there was not any Rain from the 19th of May till the 7th of August.)

April 21—Taking up a Crib, we killd 50 Rats.

May 19—Dark Day—Candles were lighted, & fowls went to roost. The Darkness was greater to the Eastward & less to the Westward. The Clouds appeared of a yellow colour like brass.

July 16—Capt. Whitney's Vessel was carried off from Mill River & himself murdered coming out of the Cabbin.

Capt. (Nehemiah) Whitney at Mill River was sleeping unsuspiciously in his Cabin. Hearing a noise on deck & coming up, he was knocked down & killed. This, though a slight affair contributed to keep up that continued state of fear & alarm which lasted (excepting the hard winter) for several years. What increased the danger more was a number of Tories from every town who could pilot (and often did) the enemy into every place they pleased to come.

Newtown was more particularly famous for these wretches,—the Whigs from Fairfield went & took their fowls & turkeys by force (in a mob) & brought them home.

Greenfield Hill was a place among others where a Liberty Pole was set up & the throng drank confusion to King George & hurra for Liberty!

The Tories by night cut it down—The Whigs set it up again & plated it with iron as high as they could reach, but the Tories with a ladder sawed it off above the plates.

Aug. 17—Capt. (Caleb) Brewster returned from one of his customary cruises & brought news that they had killed Gorham Smith of a party that attempted to take their Boats & lost one of their own taken prisoner.

About this time a large number of Privateers from 4 to 12 Guns of the Enemy's & ours are cruising in the Sound & take almost every unarmd Vessel that enters it—and when opportunity offers, plunder on both sides—

It was customary for the enemy to come from L. Island in Whaleboats (sharp at each end and manned with 8 to 10 oars) These, under cover of night, might be drawn up into some unfrequented nook while the rascals plundered & if pursued they could crawl off & soon be out of gunshot. Sometimes they would bring British goods and among them a species of velvet called Corduroy, from which this was long called the Corduroy trade.

Captain Caleb Brewster of Black Rock with 3 whale-boats about midway of the Sound against Fairfield, met 3 of the enemy's boats, when an engagement commenced. The boat that opposed Brewster had a small piece & was leeward; there was a fresh gale & Brewster reserving his fire till within 8 or 10 rods of Hoyt, poured in a broadside & then another & boarded; there was a large Irishman in the enemy's boat, who walked several times fore and aft, brandishing his broadsword till Hasselton, a mighty fellow from the State of Massachusetts, snatched it from him & cut his throat from ear to ear; he died immediately.

Capt. Brewster being wounded was several times struck on the back with the steel rammer of a gun by Hoyt. On board of Hoyt's boat all but one were killed or wounded. In Brewster's boat 4 were wounded—one (Judson Sturges) mortally.

Another of our boats had a swivel (gun) which killed 2 men at one shot in another of the enemy's boats & they immediately surrendered: the enemy's third boat escaped.

Capt. Brewster was also at the capture of Thomas, who commanded a privateer of the enemy mounting 14 guns, & manned with 35 men. Our vessel had about 70 men. The enemy hailed & ordered them to bring to.

"Aye, aye, presently."

"Bring to, I say."

"Aye, aye,"—and running their bowsprit across them about amidships, the sailing master, Hezekiah Gold exclaimed, "Strike, strike, damn you, or I'll sink you to hell!"

Of the enemy 9 were killed & 5 wounded, not one of ours was hurt; they were taken off Stratford-point & carried into Black Rock; they had taken 2 row-boats bearing the Continental flag that morning & had the men in their hold.

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Sept. 27—The Sun appeared like a Gold Ring.

Oct. 29—2 Rainbows appeared in a Cloud & those vanishing 2 more appeard.—

Nov. 21—8 boats & 100 men under Major Talmadge went to Long Island.

Nov. 23—Returnd, having burnt 400 tons of hay, took a fort with 50 men & got some plunder.

Nov. 28—Came to Mill River 20 Men—took 3 sheep & an Ox & cut the throats of 2 more which they left.

Dec. 9—60 Men landed at Compo—The mail was taken from Stratfield.

1781

Feb. 1—A Boat of the Enemy's dragged across the Beach.

Feb. 18—A Boat came to Mill River & took 2 of the Inhabitants Prisoners, but 2 more Boats coming in, they left theirs & ran into the woods, & the People from Town went down & took Samll Osborn & another.

March 1—This week the Enemy burnt 2 houses & a Barn,—one of them belonged to Dr. Hill.

March 4—They burnt 2 tide mills on Mill River belonging to the Perrys, their party consisted of 30 in 4 boats.

March 18—Men on Long Beach saw a Boat with something pild up like goods & fird 3 rounds.

March 22—A Boat came to Mill River & plundered 2 houses & took 2 prisoners.

March 26—Eben Bartram Junr. came in a flag from the Prison Ship at New York.

April 18—Capt. Slater fell in with 7 of the Enemy's whaleboats. He fird at them (& they at him) with 6 men & 2 swivels till he got into Newfield. The guards at the upper Wharf fird upon the Boats twice with the Cannon when they went off.

May 16—2 of the enemy's Brigs drove Capt. Sturges in & went off by Stratford Point, fird ashore & killd Cattle,—went to Mill River & took off 37 sheep & 15 lambs of Thaddeus Burr's at Kinsey's point, with 4 horses. 4 of our people collected & fird upon them as they went off & they left 7 cattle dead on the shore.

May 31—At Daybreak, 4 of the Enemy's armed Vessels landed at Compo 200 (men) where they drove on board a number of Cattle, Sheep & Swine, & burnt the Guard House. Our folks drove them off at noon with the loss of one man killed & 2 wounded.

June 27—Near this time a great number of Whale Boats go to Long Island to plunder.

July 11—3 French frigates,—one of them 44 Guns, & a Brig, & a Sloop came off against this Harbor, got some pilots & went to Long Island.

July 12—They returned, having effected nothing.

Aug. 25—2 Sloops & a Brig having taken a Guard at West Haven, coming off by Stratford point, the Brig overset and the Hatches being open, immediately sunk—2 of the Prisoners were drowned with some of the hands. Capt. David Hawley took her Shrouds & rigging off—

her Masts were seen some time at low water till an easterly storm took them away—

The two prisoners drove ashore about 9 days after, near the place where they were captured.

Sept. 1—A great flight of pigeons—30 dozen taken at once.

Nov. 6—Off "The Cows" a vessel upset—6 men drowned.

Dec. 7—A Schooner concernd in illicit trade came in—Capt. Jarvis made her a prize.

1782

Jan. 31—19 Slays came at once to trade. Salt is 4 Dollars a Bushel.

March—7 persons went from Black Rock to Inoculation.

May 1—A privateer of 8 guns takes many Vessels on this shore—Capt. Hobby stove his Vessel.

May 14—David Patchin's house struck.

June 24—Mr. Edwards' wife drowned. Capt. Parks with 10 Guns & 21 men fird at a boat with 10 men—it is thought they killed most of them—off Black Rock.

Let the noise of War no more be nam'd
There is a Peace once more proclaim'd.

March 26—Ebenezer Bartram, Jr.—cf. entry, 1780.

Then the President pronounced, sitting, a most excellent Latin Oration, bidding them a final farewell, wishing them all manner of blessings thro' Life.

At half-past one, we sat down to an agreeable dinner in the hall with the President, Tutors & Graduates, which ended with a suitable portion of old Madeira.

After Dinner, we sang to the tune of Boston, the 133 Psalm, C. M.

At 3 P.M. the usual exercises began—Philosophical Oration by Beebe,—Anthem,—A Dispute by Ellsworth & Hale,—A Dialogue by Noyes, Ely, Eels, & Taylor,—Anthem,—Valedictory oration in Latin by Graves—

We were favored by a numerous & brilliant assembly of Ladies.

Sept. 14—Commencement—Two Barrels of Wine in 2 public rooms free to all Comers & Goers.

EXPENSES at COLLEGE

		£	s.	d.
Freshman Year	In Books etc.	29/	6/	0
Sophomore	Clothes, Wood	25/	0/	0
Junior	Board	31/	3/	8
Senior	Quarter Bills &c	32/	19/	0

After four years' strict study I was sent into the world but little fitted for a busy & crooked world as this is & will be—

A Scholar who hath learnt to squeak
Four books of Latin, one of Greek
    Through Rhet'ric, Logic, Locke can stammer
    Or any mood or tense in Grammar
Popt on the world with such a cramming
Doth know the least of man or woman—
    Is less equipt for shifts & twists
    Than any outcast that exists.

Notes

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1785

*Samuel James Andrews	*1832
*Jeremiah [Mix] Atwater; M.A.	*1832
**Joseph Badger*	*1846
**David Lewis Beebe;* M.A. 1789	*1803
*William Pitt Beers	*1810
**David Belden,* 1787	*1832
*Ebenezer Belknap	*1842
*Caleb Clap	*1787
**Abraham Lynsen Clarke;* M.A. 1791	*1810
*James Bayne Clarke	*1842
*Enos Cooke	*——
*John Devotion	*1810
*Abraham VanHorn DeWitt	*1820
*John Dean Dickinson; M.C. 1819-1823, 1829-1831	*1841
*Joseph Drake	*1794
*Roger Eells; M.A.	*1790
**John Ellsworth*	*1791
*Richard Ely; M.D. Conn. Med. Soc. 1814	*1816
*Reuben Fairchild	*1788
*Simeon Field; M.D. (Hon.) 1817	*1822
**Abel Flint;* M.A. and Brown; D.D. Union 1818	*1825
**Hezekiah Goodrich;* M.A. 1792	*1812
*Russell Goodrich; M.A.	*1837
**William Graves;* M.A. 1801	*1813
*Pearley Grosvenor	*1787
*Levi Hackley, 1786	*1786
**David Hale;* M.A.	*1822
*Joshua Henshaw	*1840
**David Higgins;* M.A.	*1842
*Dyar Throop Hinckley	*1847
*William Hubbard; M.A.	*1789
*William Gold Hubbard	*1846
*David Hull	*1834
*Enoch Huntington; M.A.	*1826
*Samuel Huntington; also Dartmouth 1785; M.A.; Chief Just. Supr. Court Ohio 1804-1808; Gov. Ohio 1808-1810	*1817
*Isaac Ives	*1845
**Caleb Johnson;* M.A. 1791	*18—
*Barnabas Bidwell; M.A. and Williams 1797; LL.D. Brown 1805; M.C. 1805-1807	*1833
*Tillotson Blakesley	*181–
**Solomon Blakslee*	*1835
*Peter Bulkley	*1808
*Frederick Butler; M.A.	*1843
*Henry Sherburne Langdon; M.A.	*1857
*Jonathan Leavitt; M.A.	*1831
*Micah Jones Lyman	*1851
*John McClellan	*1858
*Matthew Marvin	*1842
*Charles Mather	*1853
*Return Jonathan Meigs; Chief Just. Supr. Court Ohio 1803-1804; Just. Supr. Court Upper La. 1805-1806; Judge U. S. District Court Mich. 1807; U. S. Senator 1809-1810; Gov. Ohio 1810-1814; Postmaster-Gen. U. S. 1814-1823	*1825
*Phineas Miller; M.A.	*1803
**Daniel Nash*	*1836
*Roger Newton; M.A.;	*1789
**Matthew Noyes;* M.A.;	1839
*Zachariah Olmsted; M.A.	*1831
*Benjamin Perkins	*1841
*Samuel Perkins; M.A.	*1850
*Timothy Pitkin; M.A.; LL.D. 1829 M.C. 1805-1819	*1847
*Nathan Rossiter	*1835
*Elihu Platt Smith	*1795
*Robert Spelman	*1803
*Thomas Stedman	*1838
*William Taylor; M.A.	*1841
*Abraham Tomlinson	*1820
*Thomas Tousey	*1844?
*Decius Wadsworth; M.A.	*1821
*William Wheeler	*1845
*Ezekiel Williams; M.A.	*1843
*Timothy Williams; M.A. 1799	*1849
*Gideon Woodruff	*1847
*Joel Wright	*1797

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The Collegian at Home

Fairfield and Black Rock Notes—1783-1785

1783

Aug. 14—A little before this, Capt. Eliot's Schooner sunk at sea.

Capt. Eliot commanded the Sloop when she sunk at sea in which N. (Nathaniel Silliman) was. They manned the boat & rowed to a little distance to see if she would sink (some doubting it) when she went down,—there appeared a large hole like a cellar.

In the boat were 6 persons with canvass stretched around above the side to keep off the waves about a foot high; they were in it 6 days & nights, when they arrived at Guadaloupe and laid down on the sand under a high bank, where when N. awaked, he sprung up to run into the sea, supposing the bank to be a high wave—

Among the number was Miah Perry, afterwards the richest merchant of Fairfield and the oracle of four more of his brothers who were rich, happy, and respected,—this distress curing Miah of all inclination for the sea.

Nov. 5—Mr. Dwight ordained at Greenfield.

Nov. 7—Wyat's wife dyed.

Nov. 29—Three-quarters past 11 in a still night we felt 2 small shocks of an Earthquake.

1784

Harbor froze from the 1st of Jan. till the 10th of March. Hundreds of people down in a tide to catch scallops by cutting holes in the ice.

Nov. 5—Dr. Timothy Dwight, later president of Yale.

Nov. 7—Huldah (Wheeler) Mason Wyat, daughter of Abel and Rebeckah (Whitear) Wheeler. Her first husband was Salathiel Mason; her second, Joseph Wyat of Newport, who later moved to Northcastle, N. Y. Of her four children, Alice and Joseph Wyat died in infancy. Rachel and Sally, children of her first marriage, survived her and inherited much of her Black Rock property which had belonged to her father. Rachel Mason married in 1803, John Maltbie, keeper of the lighthouse.

The name of Huldah Mason is included in the list of the guard at the Black Rock Battery in 1779. She was then nineteen years old, and may have served as commissary to the garrison.

Sept. 11—As 3 persons were coming round from Stratford point in a pilot boat laden with shells, the wind being N.E. raisd such a shock off the point that she overset. The men remained on the masts for ½ an hour when a wave washed them all off,—but T. Hill happening to seize an oar, held it fast in his hands before him till he reached the shore, and it bore him safe without swimming. The other 2, viz. Lieut. Hawley and Josiah Penfield, were drowned. Hawley was found among the rocks with his face bruised. The scene was hardly supportable to his Wife under the double loss of husband & brother.

1785

Jan. 15—We begun to get ship timber for our Sloop

May 16—Some curtains & a carpet defiled in the Town House.

May 17—Mourning Bride & Busy Body acted in the Town House, Fairfield—A man being buried when the play was acted, they would not let them toll the Bell, which raisd some disturbance.

May 25—Holberton's wife died.

May 17—"Busy Body" was the comedy which had been presented by the Linonian Society in New Haven in 1783 as an afterpiece for the more serious drama of "Alexander." Several of William Wheeler's classmates at Yale and "Linonian brothers" were resident in Fairfield.

Sept. 11—Hannah (Penfield) Hawley, daughter of Samuel and Elizabeth (Lewis) Penfield, married (1) Lieut. Gideon Hawley of North Stratford, whose death is here recorded. Her second husband was Ezekiel Lovejoy of Stratford. Her brother, Josiah, was seventeen at the time of his tragic death.

May 8—Capt. Thomas Holberton's first wife, Ruth (Wilson) Holberton, daughter of Robert Wilson. Their daughter, Ruth, married Capt. Job Bartram.

The Sentimental Schoolmaster

1785

Aug. 19—Capt. Holburton arrived after a voyage of 12 weeks
Aug. 20—The thief Johnson received 20 of the 35 lashes due him,
Sept. 10—Died Peter Squier

No more within his native Town to dwell
To all its train he bids a long Farewell
One gentle grasp, one sighing, sorrowing tear
And joys & friends forever disappear
Ye, beauteous Youth, the fairer sex
Permit me to address you next—
Pale, cold & still before you lies
The once-lov'd object of your eyes—
Ye can't forget
His lively Wit
Our scenes of Love & Play
Whole hours we sat—
In pleasant Chat
We past the time away.
But now the hand of Death hath laid him low
Nor canst one look nor canst one smile bestow
Mortal attend & drop a tear
Over the poor bones that moulder here
To-day the lot was mine
To-morrow may be thine.

Sept. 12—Dr. Beach's Singing School at Blackrock ends.
Oct. 1—Capt. Thorp & Capt. Wasson arrived from the W. Indies. About this time a Schooner of 50 tons bottom upwards with her Sails standing was discovered off Newfield. A week after, being stripped of everything, she drifted to L. Island.

Sept. 10—Peter Squier (1765-1785), son of Captain John and his (third) wife, Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis Squire. His sister, Lydea, became the first wife of John Wheeler, brother of the diarist.

Dec. 1—My School at Blackrock ends.
Dec. 5—Begun school at North Fairfield (Weston)

—for 45 shillings per Month for 3 months. Here I became enamoured to a high degree with * * but though young I entertained an idea which is now part of my creed, that a light Purse & Matrimony would be but sorry companions—

But the last farewell was melancholy enough, as I stole all pensive & solitary along the gloomy road edged by thick woods in a darksome night, while the Whippoorwill's frequent notes saluted my ear like the tolling of the bell as we follow a friend—

The remembrance even now depresses, and the unbidden tear is ready to start—

What were her sensations I know not—not less, I expect,—for the passion was reciprocal—

She lived in the Youth and the Youth in the fair
Their pleasure was equal & equal their care.—

Dec. 28—I went to J. Osborn's Wedding.
Dec. 29—Continued at Capt. Seeley's—

When David was stricken in Years
And loaded with sickness & cares
That preyed on his form
Nothing was found so fit to rouse him
As a fair maid to lie in his bosom
And keep his body warm—
And Solomon, the wisest man,
This maxim for to teach us
At one time had to warm *his* bed
A thousand of the species.

1786

Aug. 18—A case between Ezra Williams & his wife Huldah.
Aug. 27—Widow Godfrey of Greens Farms denyd her Publishment.
Sept. 15—Wm. Robinson's Wedding attended by 60 spectators.
Sept. 16—Capt. Smedley arrived. Enos Cook arrived.
Sept. 22—Capt. Gould from West Indies.

Sept. 15—William Robinson married Abigail Smith of New London.

Oct. 10—Launched the Sloop *Sally*—bottom up.
Oct. 23—Capt. Holburton married to Mary Wakeman.
Oct. 29—Snow 2 in. deep. N. Burr's child died.
Nov. 1—Sailed Capt. Smedley in a brig & Capt. Wasson on a sloop, both bound for the West Indies.
Nov. 8—Arrived Capt. Bartram. He had 13 hhds of Molasses stove by salt shifting in the hold.

Baptized this year 53 Married 8 couples
Died 9 Entered the church 6 No Wheat nor Cider.

1787

Feb. 21—Meeker Murrain fell overboard. Near this time W. Bulkley & Mrs. Robbins catch the Smallpox & both die.
March 22—Capt. Smedley gave Butler a thumping.
March 26—Shipt on board our Sloop 25 horses & our 2 Gibbes & 7 horned Cattle.
March 30—Sailed Sloop *Sally*—Andrew Bulkley Master.
April 3—Mr. Eliot this day & the next received 230 skains at his spinning frolic. J. Penfield by making a selection at the Ball put our side Jordan into no petit pet.
April 7—D(aniel) Osborn's and Mary (Bartram)'s Synarthrosis.
April 19—A proper Gambol

At a dancing one Night sir I happened to be
Such skipping & hopping was there
The old Women as sprigh as young girls of 15
Such fun I ne'er saw I declare

April 22—Very cold. Much ice froze in harbor
I evah ni eht tsal 4 sraey 2000 selim & 257 syad tneps retfa eht slrig. Secnad 40.

April 3—Jordan probably meaning Ash Creek. James Penfield (1761-1842) married in 1786 Mary Tucker who may have been his "selection" at the Ball! At this time James, Ephraim, and David Penfield were living at the house near the Mills across Ash Creek.

May 28—The bones of an Infant found under Mr. Lewis' house, supposed to have been murdered 60 years ago. Groans and strange noises were heard before that time.
June 11—Our Sloop arrivd with 30 Hs Rum.
July 5—J. held on by the Pollypod.
July 22—I went to hear Higby preach—His text was "Yet a little more Sleep."
Aug. 30—About this time we went to Norwalk in our Sloop.
Sept. 15—Sloop saild the 2nd time for Boston.
Sept. 19—Line Storm. A mill at Stamford carried off whole and Norwalk bridge floted.
Sept. 20—Struck up to Trooping & Indian mimicry at Night, joined a Boree of 2 score couple from which at 2 I made myself scarce & joined a 3rd Shakefoot, at the finis of which Mr. fourlegs was found in Mr. Hinman's yard absent & no tidings of his Excellency having arrived, his burden snored.
All Black Rock invited to John Perry's & Lois Wheeler's wedding.
Oct. 12—Jos. Davis boy died in Convulsions of a Wound he received a fortnight before by falling off a table with a pair of sheers he had in his hand which fractured his scull. Near this time I went to L. Island with Brush in a whaleboat.
Oct. 13—Brig *Greenfield* saild—Joseph Bartram passenger
Nov. 15—Capt. Brewster's wife & child fell in the Creek
Nov. 20—Our Sloop returnd, in her came passengers,—Capt. Sena (?) and Lady & 2 daughters who had been to Leghorn.
Dec. 12—Died at Weston Z.H.—his death was occasioned by Sleeping on the ground (after spending a night with a beloved female) where a shower fell upon him.
Dec. 30—Capt. Nat. Silliman arrived from Carolina having been absent 15 months.

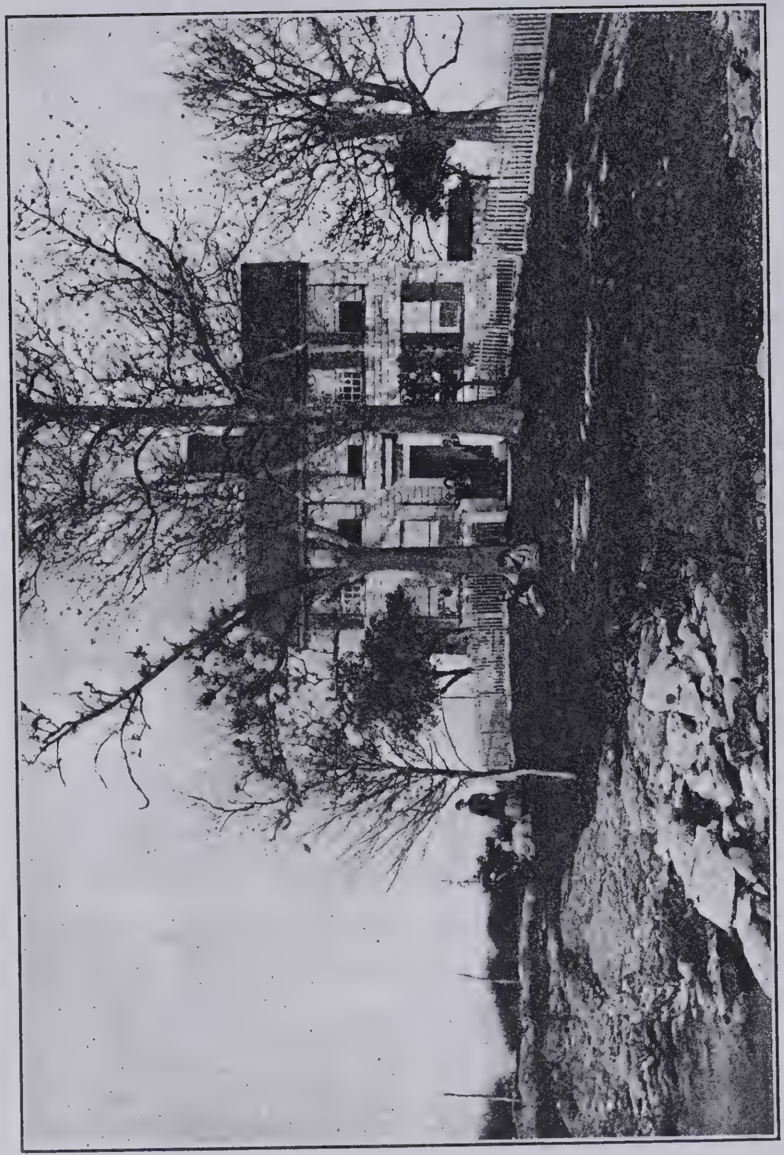
Sept. 20—*Boree*—a rustic dance. (The other terms invite exegesis.)
Oct. 13—Joseph Bartram was lost at sea in December, aged twenty-seven. He was the son of Ebenezer and Mary (Burr) Bartram.

1788

And now the Earth which every Year
Sails round the Sun's resplendent Sphere
Again sets Sail — may all her Crew
In health & Joy the Voyage pursue.

Jan. 19—Hard rain & frozen ground—every bridge from Deacon Hills to the Stores floted.
Jan. 25—Dickinson's schooner drove ashore
Feb. 15—Dickinson had 15 barrels of Beef floted away.
Feb. 22—19 males & 12 females dancd at Burrs.
Feb. 26—Saild for N. Haven with the *Sally*.
March 4—3 of us dropt 105 wt Flax.
March 7—A letter from Brewster supposed to be lost.
March 22—18 negroes liberated by some of their color at Mill River.
March 23—Died Capt (Joseph) Silliman at 8 P.M.
May 15—Searching for N. Burr.
May 23—Curtain hoisted.
June 18—R. Fairchild at North Fairfield killed by lightning.
June 20—Died Capt. Jarvis.
July 15—Eliphalet Olmstead came to work.
Aug. 19—The hardest gale that has been for many years—at 1 o'clock a Sloop & Schooner went on shore— The south side of all the trees, the leaves are dead, some suppose by the spray of the Sea which blew over like a Fog from the Sound to Penfield's Mill. Corn is laid flat & Fruit is chiefly blown off—Many trees bloomed out afterwards. The Gale reached 100 miles up country, in some places shifting from the SE to the NW & twisting of trees 9 inches in diameter—it moved Carson's house about 6 feet.
Oct. 17—A fire ball passed over with great swiftness followed by a Report like heavy Cannon.
Nov. 20—Several families arrived from Tory Canaan, their

June 18—Reuben Fairchild, classmate of William Wheeler and son of Captain Robert Fairchild.
June 20—(Capt. Isaac Jarvis of Revolutionary fame.)



1768—The Isaac Jarvis-David Penfield homestead (10)
(Photographed 1869)

good godfather George the 3d ceasing food, a native of the place, one Poverty, crowded them out.

Nov. 29—Ezra Wheeler moved to Weston.

Dec. 11—Died of the Dropsy, Billy Squier aged 3

1789

Feb. 16—Begun Black Rock School

Apr. 5—I set out for Red Hook. (N. Y.)

June 10—John's house raised

Oct. 9—Stone & Lewis' advent. Majority of the country complain of colds.

Nov. 2—Married Capt. Nathan Lewis to Miss Rachel Stone.

Nov. 4—Died Mrs. Hull, aged 93 years, 8 months.

A Schooner overset & 2 men on the wreck between the Cows & point.

Married this year 16 couples in Mr. Eliot's congregation. Christened 31 Died 8

1790

June 10—My house raised. 30 x 25 feet.

Expences of the House

	£	s.	d.
Digging Cellar	0	9	0
For framing	1	13	0
Stoning cellar	1	9	0
8000 4z nails	0	16	0
1300 8z "	0	7	0
Window frames	2	7	6
Sashes	4	3	6
5000 shingles	3	16	0
Nails & brad	3	3	0
Lath	1	12	0
Putty	0	17	0
Glass	4	5	11
Brick	2	0	0
Tile	0	3	0

Dec. 11—William (son of Ebenezer and Mary (Wheeler) Squier, 1784-1788).

Building chimney	2 / 12 / 0
7 6 B shels	0 / 12 / 0
Manteltrees	0 / 13 / 6
3500 Lath nails	0 / 11 / 4
100 feet plank	0 / 8 / 0
Spanish brown	0 / 6 / 0
White lead	1 / 6 / 0
Oil	2 / 7 / 10
White oak boards	0 / 14 / 9
Clear boards	1 / 8 / 3
Merchantable Do.	1 / 10 / 11
Floor plank	3 / 6 / 0
4 pair hinges	0 / 14 / 0
Joiner's wages	11 / 11 / 0
Buttenton's painting	3 / 8 / 0
Plaistering	2 / 12 / 6
Total	61 4 0

Covered & Lower rooms finished, besides what I have done myself. Board of the people unreckoned.

Boards for Chambers	2 / 8 / 0
Room paper	1 / 16 / 0
10 gallons oil to paint house	3 / 0 / 0
Lime for one chamber	0 / 15 / 0
1½ bush. hair 2/3 plaistering	0 / 14 / 3

(This house, a "saltbox," stood on the corner of what is now Ellsworth and Brewster Street. The house and the land on which it stood were deeded to William by his father, Capt. Ichabod Wheeler, August 9, 1790.)

1792

Feb. 2—Married John Wheeler to Lydia Squier.

Oct. 13—Warm, calm sky & clear.

In the evening a bright Northern Light over the whole northern half of the hemisphere, flashing (like smoke arising from a fire)—rising from a cloud in the N. and meeting in the Zenith in the moment.

Feb. 2—Daughter of Captain John and Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis Squier.

Oct. 14—Gov. Hancock, attended by 4 ship kernels, came to town to take up the Bones of his Aunt & carry them to Boston, agreeable to her desire, but found the Coffin rotten.

1793

Jan. 3—Began Staples Hill School for £50 a year.

I began Staples free school for 166 dollars per year to board myself—kept only 5 months—it being removed to Weston by act of Assembly, the donor being Staples of Weston. It was there called Weston Academy.

He (Staples) was a man of singular sentiments—believing that mankind by a strict course of temperance might arrive to the age of the antediluvians, not indeed in one life, but in several generations,—his seed he put out to receive for one bushel at the end of the year one and one-quarter, by which extreme parsimony he acquired great riches.

His close way of reasoning & living, his black Dubby did not altogether relish, for in his last sickness he cut down the Walnut wood Staples had saved for the Academy, saying: "Massa soon die and ought to have a good fire"—for which, being wrathy, he sold poor Dubby for life.

Feb. 2—Died of Small Pox the natural way, Capt. David Wheeler's wife, & was buried in the Home Lot.

Feb. 10—Dug up & buried in Stratfield Burying Ground.
30 inoculated at the house.
Penfield's Mill chok'd up & the Millstone thrown off.

Feb. 18—Selectmen gave Liberty for inoculation at Sam Sherwoods for 20 persons.

Feb. 20—SELECTMEN MET TO RECONSIDER THE VOTE but would not, though they had been imposed upon by Sam by misrepresentation.

Oct. 14—This entry solves a problem for Fairfield antiquarians who have long been interested in the reason for Mrs. Hancock's continued interment in the old Burial Ground. Her tombstone reads "This stone/ Erected/ by Thaddeus Burr/ & Eunice Burr/ to the memory of their dear friend,/ Mrs. Lydia Hancock;/ Relict of the Honble Thomas Hancock, Esq./ of Boston/ Whose remains lie here Interred/ Having retired to this Town from/ the calamities of War, during the/ Blockade of her native City in 1775./ Just on her return to the reenjoyment/ of an ample fortune/ On April 15, A.D. 1776./ She was seized with the apoplexy and/ closed a life of unaffected Piety/ universal Benevolence and extensive Charity./ Governor Hancock and his "4 ship kernels" apparently decided not to carry out their pious intention.

Feb. 2—Lois (Chauncy) Wheeler, daughter of Robert and Hannah (Wheeler) Chauncy.

March 1—The Selectmen met and gave liberty for 28, making 50 more to be inoculated (at Jeremiah Jennings) who had been exposed by J. J.'s boy having as some said the Small pox, others the chicken pox.

March 5—Vote for inoculation to commence today & last till the first of April & to begin again Oct. 1st & last till the Annual Town Meeting. (Whole Town inoculated—11 died of the inoculation).

March 7—I was inoculated—in 6 days felt the symptoms—shivering & headache & low spirits, the 9th day had a dozen pock break out—headache, very dull, & finished breaking out the twelfth day. They turnd successively & I had 70 pock in all. Walked out every day but one (a stormy day). Employed no doctor.

March 27—Begun school again.

(Of) Number Inoculated, Died	
Between 20 & 40	1
10 & 20	0
Under 10	3
Above 90 years of age	1
Above 60	2
Between 40 & 60	4

Inoculated from the Infant of 2 days old up the Age of Ninety & both had it light.

People had the symptoms unusually severe, some for 5 days—Cold & hot by turns, shivering, trembling, Headache, Low Spirits, Numbness, & a burning Fever.

Some had hard symptoms & but few pock.

A sore arm was generally a Sign of few Pock.

Some few had Sore Arms 3 Inches in Diameter.

All kinds of experiments in Diet were tried—Bacon, Flip, Wine, Bitters, Saffron, etc. were employed in many Inoculations.

Those without Physicians proceeded as well as those with. Good Nurses the most Essential Point.

Inoculation almost universal in the Old Society in almost every house, a very few excepted, 10, 12, & 17 in a family at once, very general in Greens Farms, Greenfield,—& Stratfield about half. Doctors' fees reduced from 2 to 1 Dollars by the Favour of Dr. Holbert. People in general had it pretty moderate. Those without Salt the Easiest.

Caught the Small Pox the Natural Way—5—of which but one lived.

April 20—Mr. Thos. Hull arrived from the W. Indies.

May 29—Died James Sayre after 4 days sickness of the scarlet fever—This Disease seems generally to go through a family when it begins—The Crisis is generally on the 3d day.

Aug. 3—Capt. Barley Sturges movd his house on rollers to the corner near the middle wharf.

Sept. 26—Mr. Taylor a cooper came to the Bartrams—People universally troubled with Colds,—Symptoms, Headache, sore throat, a lassitude, etc.

Oct. 4—Hull's Schooner 70 tons this day by 8 hands was unloaded because of a leak,—judgd a dangerous vehicle over the great pond. N.B.—she had not been grav'd since last spring.

Oct. 29—A snow storm—The dryest fall I believe ever was known; scarce any rain for several months—many wells dry.

Nov. 14—St. Pumpkin's Day

A little before this, Capt. Amos Hubbell's brig, loaded with salt (returning from the W. Indies) near L. Island, sprung a leak; the Salt dissolving & both Pumps choaking, she sunk, but soon after rose that part of her quarter where they left her . . . 2 hands bailing were drowned, the rest having their boat made ready on the quarter-deck, rushed it out of her wake & got in with a few bisket & 200 oranges & no water—after 5 days they

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May 29—James Dennie Sayre, aged sixteen, son of Rev. James and Sarah (Dennie) Sayre.

Aug. 3—This house became the home of David Penfield.

Oct. 4—*grav'd*—Scraped and cleaned of barnacles.

were picked up near the Virginia shore riding before a northeaster.

The brig being old and rotten, was condemned by a Carpenter before she saild.

Nov. 26—Hubbell's ship launched & Silliman Bibbins, a Boy, fell 10 feet from between Decks into her Hold and was taken up bruised & speechless.

His skull was crakd, His senses wrecked,
  When first he was extracted thence
But Wood's trepan, And skilful hand
  Restored his strength, his speech & sense.

Dec. 5—Dimon Hill, ae 24, after dancing, waiting on a Female home, wet his foot, and not drying it before he left her, he was taken and lived only 7 days.

1794

Began Black Rock School for 40 Dolls.

Feb. 21—News arrived that Ebenr Sturges, Hez. Nichols & a boy of J. Sturges (all of this town & belonging to Allen Nichols' vessel) were dead of the W. India fever.

March 24—Capt. Squier arrivd from Boston—on his Passage from the W. Indies he found a Brig adrift (about 130 tons) & carried it to Boston.. She belonged to Baltimore. The Captain being washed overboard in a Gale of Wind, the remaining Crew being destitute of provision got on board of another Vessell.

March 28—Express came with Embargo on all W. Indiamen. The consequence of the seizure of our vessels in British Ports. (Held till May 25th.)

March 29—Finished School. Baldwin, Esq. of Greenfield died at New Haven having been sick of a fever but 4 days. Those that attended him at Death were variously

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Feb. 21—Hezekiah Nichols (1773-1794), son of Hezekiah and Ann (Penfield) Nichols, and brother of Allen Nichols.

The boy (son of Judson Sturges) was Henry J. Sturges, and the place of his death, Kingston, Jamaica. He was thirteen years old.

Ebenezer Sturges (1752-1794), son of Hezekiah and Abigail (Dimon) Sturges.

affected, some with Dizziness, others with Numbness, puking, etc.

April 12—W. Sheffield, Saml Squires, & Taylor families left Black Rock.

April 19—Died Mrs. Jennings of an acute fever.

May 11—Died of an apoplectic fit of 2 hours, James Penfield.

May 14—Fairfield Courthouse raised.

May 22—Died L(othrop) Lewis' wife.

June 13—Returned home after an absence of 2½ years, Nehemiah Burr, Jr.

July 8—John Wheeler's store raised

Aug. 23—Died Rebeckah Burr of the Dysentery.

Aug. 24—Died Loretta Silliman.

Sept. 13—Died Philo Burr. 7 persons sick with dysentery.

1795

March 5—Widow Wheeler's exit.

Extract from the annals of folly— A subscription is opened to give Penfield 90 pounds to destroy his Mill and open the Creek for the accommodation of Eels, Clams and old Shad!!! Amen.

June 22—died Amos Wilson's wife of the Lockjaw

June 27—Capt. David Barlow movd from the point Newfield to my house.

July 12—A Black of J. Sturges drowned in Mill River, crabbing on the Sabbath.

April 19—Abigail (Burr) Jennings, born 1736, daughter of John and Catherine (Wakeman) Burr, wife of Deacon Moses Jennings. She was William Wheeler's aunt. The date given on her monument is April *18th*.

May 11—James Penfield, senior (1732-1794), son of Peter and Mary (Allen) Penfield, managed the Penfield mills on Ash Creek. He was brother of Samuel Penfield, keeper of the Sun Tavern, and both suffered great losses from the British invasion.

May 22—Ellen (Burr) Lewis, first wife of Lothrop Lewis, aged thirty-seven.

June 13—Possibly the occasion of the search mentioned May 15, 1788. He was about twenty years old.

Aug. 23—Rebeckah, daughter of Ozias and Sarah (Nichols) Burr.

Aug. 24—Loretta, daughter of Captain Nathaniel and Chloe Silliman, aged three.

Sept. 13—Philo, son of Ozias and Sarah (Nichols) Burr.

March 5—Abigail, daughter of Jeremiah Oakley and widow of Nathan Wheeler (son of Capt. Jabez and Charity (Beach) Wheeler).

June 22—Eleanor Lacy (1768-1795) first wife of Amos Wilson.

This week, 6 men on their way from York to Boston, passed through this Town, who had been 4 years in captivity at Algiers, chained together as sail-makers.

The money they earned more than their daily task purchasing spirits made their Master drunk, & after being 5 days at sea with only 2 lb. bread & a little Beef in a small sail boat, almost famished, they were taken up by a Portuguese man-of-war.

They saw Benjamin Gould, formerly of this place there who was on a Plantation. His Friends had not heard of him for 15 years.

Many Americans died there last year, among whom was Capt. Sandford of Milford, who had been a slave there for 20 years.

Near this time a man died at Millriver with the Yellow Fever which he caught in New York.

Sept. 10—Near this time died Esther Thorp of the yellow Fever, supposed to have caught it from her father who died a week before & caught it from the man before-mentioned.

Sept. 27—The Yellow Fever rages more now than ever in New York. People are leaving that city by hundreds, the vessels and stages are full.

Cherry Street (½ a mile in length) is entirely empty. Very little business done—20 or 30 buried in a Day—As soon as they die they are carried to the Grave by a waggon covered with tarrd canvass.

Communication prohibited between that City & Philadelphia, Newhaven, & Newfield.

By the report of the Committee of Health there died last week 159.

Sept 29—Aboard of the *Dolphin,* C. B. Commander (Caleb Brewster).

Sept. 10—Esther, daughter of Capt. Eliphalet Thorp who died Sept. 1st, aged fifty-six years. Capt. Thorp's sudden death resulted in a curious mortgage, made out by Capt. Joseph Squire, Sept. 3, 1795, "whereas Eliphalet Thorp, decd. did article & indent with sd. Joseph Squire to build a certain vessel & to launch said Vessel afloat in the Water; & whereas sd Vessel is now ready & into the water & whereas sd. Thorp after a very short sickness about 48 hours since died intestate ...."

1766—The Joseph Silliman homestead (7)
(Photographed 1873)

Oct. 5—News of Captain (Nathaniel) Silliman being found murdered in Spain (where a privateer carried him May 9th) the 18th of June at 8 in the evening by the guard, robbed of his watch & buckles.

N. S(illiman) came often to my father's to relate his ocean stories, among others he told of a captain from Connecticut river who swore he never was afraid of anything whatever but he being three days sail from the W. Indies, as they set the second watch in the night, they saw a man forward whom they hailed who answered not—then they called all hands & the Capt. on deck and they had one more than the Brig's crew—
who could the stranger be?
none durst approach for some time, then said N. (his large black eyes glistening) the poor Capt. was afraid—at last one, more bold than the rest, went up to him, and behold—it was a Negro run away from his master, who had secreted himself in the hold forward, & being almost famished, came on deck to get something to eat. . .

This same N. Silliman, after going 14 voyages was murdered.

Oct. 6—General rendezvous of rust at Reading. (Training Day) Carson outrun— Standard shot to pieces.

Oct. 10—'Tis computed that 10,000 bushels of Oysters will be caught in the Gut of Stratford this fall—500 were taken in a day.

Oct. 17—15 Hhd. of run (i.e. smuggled) Rum found at Derby by N. Rowland.

Nov. 6—Moved!!

Nov. 13—Holberton married to Bathsheba Peet.

Dec. 1—Bees in search of honey—Winter comes in like a lamb—No bad paymaster at last— Winters more moderate than formerly—Wheeler's Ship seized as a Smugler a few days since at New York.

Hardly a child escapes the hooping cough.

Dec. 9—Launched a sloop (10 tons) with 15 men, on two slushed logs from the graving banks where she had been driven by a most violent storm the day before. Which storm reachd as far as Portland—in Massachu-

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Oct. 5—Nathaniel, son of Capt. Joseph and Christiania (Hubbell) Silliman, born 11 Aug. 1763.

setts the most severe there that ever was known and did 15,000 dollars damage.

See another year is gone
Quickly have the seasons past
This we enter now upon
Will to many prove their last.

1796

Jan. 11—Very moderate weather & no snow but one small storm till today when old hoary Winter lets us know he is in earnest

Jan. 15—Saild a Sloop with 50 Germans who are to be sold for their passage (10 Guineas) They were cast away at Southampton (L.I.) in a Brig about a week before; two days previous to which one of the Company was delivered of a Child whose father died of a cold caught in the Storm.

Jan. 17—Saild a Ship built for N. York by Hull & Lyon Newfield

Jan. 18—Saild for W. Indies Dav. Barlow

Jan. 21—Snow level 8 inches—Winter has been so moderate that two crops of apples have been gathered, the last of the size of grapes from some trees.

Jan. 23—Two brothers tried for murder of a brother by the Grand Jury—found unworthy of a trial

Feb. 1—About this time several people have paralytic shocks, owing to the sudden changes in the Atmosphere—Several unbristled Swine have the measles.

Feb. 12—Sailed Capt. Tabur for Bedford, with 800 bush of Corn—Bank of 100,000 Dolls talkd of at Millriver.

Feb. 19—James Smedley is in Town—Three boys inoculated for the Small Pox at Capt. Squier's A piece in the Telegraph on Millriver bank.

March 12—A Dunning Sermon—"Unloose your Purse-Strings"

March 14—Benedict attempting to serve an Execution on N. Burr, had his arm broken by a hoe—News of his son's death in W. Indies

March 15—E. Bartram at home.

March 17—Foggy, Thunder, heavy Rain, violent driving snowstorm & severe cold all in 24 hours

Ducks are all ashore— Why?— Powder is 12. per lb.

John Wilson's Barn blown down on 5 horses—one Meeting-House window blown in— Geese plenty as black ducks & ducks innumerable: Near this period a boy 12 years old of E. Burrs has his skull broke by a horse & a perforation therein the size of a Dollar, he was trepanned, never lost his senses, & is likely to do well.

March 31—Recd. a letter from James Squier

April 18—In 25 days from St. Bartholomew (via Bermuda) arrived the *Anson,* Capt. Dvd. Barlow.

June 4—Capt. Barlow movd from my house.

June 23—Of the Measles died Betty Brewster—her death had been expected some days, when the day before her decease an Ulcer breaking and discharging, much relieved the respiration and indicated a hope of recovery.

July 6—Several persons arrive from N. York, sick with the Yellow Fever.

Sunday, July 17—Great quantities of wheat got in.

July 25—Moses Sturges (fidler in chief) in a scuffle with Eb. Bradley, a rake of 19, received the length of a pen knife through his ribs. (about this date) In a few weeks he recovered.

Sept. 2—The dryest Summer that has been for 17 years, the leaves of corn in some places are dead. Potatoe mongers hardly get their feed— Roads appear to be burnt—Apples, of which there is great plenty, fall early, ripe but not full grown—Rain plenty back but none here since harvest till this Day. Very healthy with cool Breezes.

Sept. 8—The Shop of D. Deforest (Newfield) about ten in the evening was discovered to be on fire, & Shelton Edwards,

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March 14—Nehemiah Burr, Jr. (?).

June 23—Elizabeth Burr Brewster (1792-1796), daughter of Capt. Caleb Brewster.

a boy who kept store, with three bruises on his head, his throat cut, dead, & a bed thrown over him, & 100 dollars in banknotes with 200 in silver missing, but no Goods.

A bottle of wine, some tea, & a Shoemaker's hammer were found on the counter—

Printed handbills were dispersed everyway next morning.

Sept. 9—Two of their Nighest Neighbors—J. J. a noted Swearer, Gambler, wife-abuser, etc. of Greenfield, and J. C., ditto, a noted Whoremaster, Polygamist, one that outrun everything but Justice, these two boarded together, were suspected that night, and cross examined next day.

A bloody shirt was found, their evidences (C.'s wife and a girl's) disagreed, they were out ¼ of an hour when the deed was committed—

1½ yd. of cloth, bloody, was found at a distance from the house—J. washed the blood from the Corpse.

Business stagnates & Attention is excited to the highest pitch.

Sept. 10—Funeral sermon at the boy's father (North Stratford). Mr. Sly of North Stratford, a man aged, respectable & religious, unacquainted with C., came for no other purpose to Newfield than to relate a Dream in which this boy appeared staggering & told him that he was killed by a hammer, the name of the person that killd him he told, which Sly forgot.

Twice did he dream the same with the appearance of the Murderer whom he said he could distinguish among a thousand.

Sly being introduced to J. said "That is not he"; accidentally seeing C. and a number more—"That certainly is the man," & approaching him exclaimd, taking hold of his hand, "God forgive you, you have murdered the boy!"

C. almost black in the face said "Perhaps you are mistaken."

Sly seemd almost crazy—Tears running off his chin.

Sept. 8—The Deforest store stood at State & Water Streets, Bridgeport. The brothers, David & John Deforest, were ruined by the robbery, but David subsequently made a fortune in South America and returned to Connecticut, settling in New Haven. Orcutt says that no one was convicted of the murder.

Oct. 24—The bones of the Schoolhouse divided.

Oct. 30—J. Squier married to E. Wakeman.

Nov. 22—E. Dimon cut his throat.

Dec. 30—The Wetmores broken—Merchants

1797

Jan. 9—Began school at Black Rock for 9 Dollars a Month.

Feb. 10—Capt. Allen Nichols touched in here—had his cargo taken from him by the French in Guadeloupe.

Bankruptcy the prevailing epidemic among Merchants more universally than ever (probably) was known here before.

Cause—Fires, Fall of Provisions, & Capture of American property by the French.

March 7—Died at Greenfield Deacon Hill, aged 98 years.

March 18—Finished school . . .

April 9—In divine service P.M., J. Smith's house near the meetinghouse caught fire & was burnt with all that was in it—in three days he had another covered gratis.

Same day, Ira Jones, printer, Norfield, nearly expired by a large dose of Laudanum taken the night before.

April 14—Good Friday—Fast— Thomas Bulkley broke his arm by riding over a cow.

April 22—Raised my barn.

May 27—An African having broke his ankle by a cart overturning thereon as he rode therein, Dr. Spalding cut it off & he died immediately.

Aug. 21—Began school Black Rock.

Pigeons of which at this season 20 years ago one might take 20 Dozen in a morn, seem entirely to have deserted us.

A Tax laid on notes, deeds, etc. by Congress,—gradually drawing our nose to the Grindstone— Posterity, suffer it not,—as we fought for our liberty, so must ye— 'Tis time to begin!

Oct. 30—James Squire, son of Capt. John and Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis Squire, married Eunice Wakeman.

Dec. 30—Broken=bankrupt. Prosper Wetmore & Bros. (Prosper, Victory, Robert & William) were merchants in the China & West India trade in Bridgeport and New York City.

Oct. 3—Two Regts. meet on the bog parade, North Stratford. 3 men in one company faint away by the heat, only standing still, in a long valley with trees surrounding it.

Nov. 16—Thomas Bartram married to Sarah Burr.

Died at New York Capt. Wasson with the Yellow Fever—A goat on board had the same and the hair came off. Annabel cut a piece out of his throat; his drink (after it was stich'd) ran out. He stuck a Spindle through his Gullet first.

He was a soldier at the Capture of Cape Breton, he was nearly 76 years of age, sensible & industrious, not very indigent—His motive for such an action I know not—He was alone at the time—he lived only a few days & died sensible & penitent.

Dec. 1—About this time a daughter of J. B. trades out at Newfield, 15 pounds (pretending to be another woman) on credit.

Dec. 25—A negro of Gen. Abel by the splitting of a gun, blows off three fingers.

1798

Mar. 5—Mrs. Thorp, having cut her finger slightly, mortification succeeded. 3 Doctors attended—it was cut off with a chizzel & the finger not touching the black, it rather broke than was cut. She recovered.

Aug. 9—Thermometer at 97.

1799

May 5—Died my Mother

May 9—Uncle Wakeman Burr found dead in a Lot, supposed to die in a fit.

May 24—Died about 1 the following night, my brother John's wife in an apoplectic fit.

Nov. 16—Sarah, born 29 March, 1771, daughter of Nehemiah and Sarah (Osborn) Burr.

Nov. 16—Capt. John Wasson, 1754-1797. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Joseph and Rebecca (Squire) Bartram.

May 5—Deborah (1730-1799), daughter of John and Catherine (Wakeman) Burr, wife of Ichabod Wheeler whom she married, 1752.

May 9—Wakeman Burr (1743-1799) was her brother.

Aug. 22—Married John Wheeler to Catharine Holberton.

Oct. 20—An excessive gale moved J. Wheeler's store 50 feet along, carried my father's batteau 7 or 8 rods.

1800

Jan. 11—Barlow Sturges raises his tavern flag.

March 16—A Sloop caught fire by Lime Slacking.

This week Mrs. Wakelee, aged 90, had fire in the afternoon snap on her, burnt to death—got as far as the door.

Nov. 22—Married Eleazar Edgington to Miss Patience Wheeler.

1801

To Mr. Reader— We are entered upon a new Century—Ah, what changes will happen before this 100 shall run out.

Old Book, long before that time you must expire—but how?—Perhaps cut out, leaf by leaf for shaving paper—perhaps used up as a wrapper, or maybe burned all at once, or—oh ignominious fate!—devoted to Cloacine. Be that as it will, live as long as you can,—So I go on again.

Jan. 11—Died Abraham Parrit's wife.

Feb. 10—A case before Dr. Allen, Esq. John Wheeler sued Barlow Sturges for damage done in wheat by geese where the fence was insufficient— 'Twas proved that the geese went around by water & over his fence, therefore the plaintiff recovered Damage & Cost.

Feb. 19—Died Thaddeus Burr.

Aug. 22—John Wheeler's first wife was Lydea, daughter of Capt. John and Lydea (Taylor) Jarvis Squire. Catherine, his second wife, was daughter of Capt. Thomas and Ruth (Wilson) Holberton.

March 16—Tabitha, widow of Zebulon Wakelee.

Nov. 22—Patience, daughter of Capt. David Wheeler. Her husband's name appears elsewhere as Edgerton.

Jan. 11—Ruhamah, mother of Rhoda (Parrit) Wheeler, wife of the diarist. William Wheeler married Rhoda Parrit 13 April, 1800.

Feb. 19—Thaddeus Burr, the distinguished resident of Fairfield, at whose home during the Revolution John Hancock married Dorothy Quincy. He was distantly connected with the Thaddeus Burr who later lived in Black Rock (see *Families*).

Early Residents of Black Rock

(As given in the Journal)

1779

6 Squire (Capt. John)
5 Burr (Nehemiah)
7 Silliman (Capt. Joseph)
Fowler
11 Chauncy (Wolcott)
2 Widow Wheeler (Jonathan)
36 Wheeler (Capt. Ichabod)
3a Wheeler (Ezra)
16 Bartram (Ebenezer)

1801

6 *Squire* (Capt. John)
5 Burr (Nehemiah)
7 Silliman ("Christian")
Gold
8 Bartram (Capt. Job)
9 Sturges (Capt. Barlow)
11 Chauncy (Wolcott)
14 Osborn (Hezekiah)
15 Wheeler (John)
18 Wheeler (William)
3a Brewster (Caleb)
stage road Wheeler (Chauncy)
16 Bartram (Mrs. Mary)
36 Wheeler (Capt. Ichabod)
20 Bartram (Thomas)

1803

6 Squire, James
5 Burr, Nehemiah
7 Silliman, Christiania
8 Bartram, Job
9 Sturges, Capt. Barlow
11 Chauncy, Wolcott
14 Osborn, Hezekiah
15 Riley, Terence
18 Wheeler, William
17 Brewster, Caleb
Wheeler, John
Wakeman, Charles (a negro)
Adams, N.
Woodhull, "Widow"
3 Wheeler, Ichabod
stage road Read, Samuel
Wheeler, David

"19 families"
"15 dwellinghouses

(Italic numbers refer to house occupied—see Index of Old Houses.)

The Fowler family in 1779 and the Gold family in 1801, as well as the Adams family in 1803, were probably temporary tenants. These names do not occur over any term of years as Black Rock residents. The Journal reminds us that masters or captains frequently took up their residence in Black Rock while their ships were being built and afterwards returned to their own homes, or sailed out on the new boat.

(According to the census of 1830)

Alanson Allen
Joseph Bartram
Ruth Bartram
Thomas Bartram
Anne Brewster
Nicholas Burr
Noah Burr
Ozias Burr
Thaddeus Burr
Peter Callon
William Callon
Daniel Goulden
Monson Gray
Thomas Halstead
Elias Hendrick
William Hurlburt
Agur Judson
Samuel Kellogg
Peter J. Kennedy
Stephen T. Moore
William H. Nichols
David Olmstead
George Osborn
Hezekiah Osborn
David Penfield
Bradley Perry
Seth Perry
David Prindle
Thomas Ransom
Silas Runnels
Samuel Runode
William Sherwood
Gershom Sturges
Walter Thorp
Roswell Wells
Simeon Wheeler
William Wheeler
Daniel Wilson

ASH CREEK - PENFIELD MILLS - 1772

FAMILY INDEX

of Old Black Rock

[*with a few personal remarks by William Wheeler*]

Emphasized names are those of residents in Black Rock.

Parenthetical numbers refer to the index of Homesteads.

The importance given to families is measured by their length of residence in Black Rock. (The Bartram, Burr, Penfield, Squire, and Wilson lines were associated for more than a century with the history of the seaport.)

Genealogical data, given when available, does not aspire to completeness, but is intended to supply clues to genealogists who may wish to bridge the wide gaps in many ancestries between 1800 and 1850,—a period over which town records of Fairfield and Bridgeport are not consecutive.

The chronicle of individual activities is limited to events in Black Rock or mentioned in the Wheeler Journal.

For early genealogies of many families mentioned, the reader is referred to the very accurate "History and Genealogy of the Families of Old Fairfield," by Donald Lines Jacobus.

The arrangement is intentionally informal, but a few heads of families are traced back to their pioneer ancestor.

Notes in italics are quoted from William Wheeler's notebooks.

ALLEN, *Alanson*[5] (Gideon of Compo[1], Joseph[2], Benjamin[3]), son of Benjamin[4] and Deborah (Disbrow) Allen, born in Westport, died in Black Rock, 6 April 1883, where for many years he occupied the former home of Capt. Ichabod Wheeler (3b). Postmaster of Black Rock and shoemaker. Church deacon. He married (1) 27 Nov. 1823, Nancy

Olmstead, b. 2 Nov. 1797, d. 8 May 1852, daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah (Smith) Olmstead: (2) 27 March 1853, Charlotte (Stow) Ells of Milford. By his first marriage he had one daughter, *Elizabeth,* who married *David Smith.* Four other children died in infancy.

ALLEN, Captain *Charles*^{6} (Gideon of Compo^{1}, Joseph^{2}, Joseph^{3}, Benjamin^{4}), son of Captain Charles^{5} and Sarah (Thorp) Allen of Westport, and nephew of *Alanson Allen,* married 23 Dec. 1850, Amanda J. Fairchild of Trumbull. He lived on Ellsworth Street until his death in 1911. Of his four children, Charles T. married (1) *Ella E. Fancher,* (2) Fannie Harmon; Sarah E. married *Joseph Smith;* Nelson married Susan A. Mills; and Mary married John J. Miller.

ALLEN, *Henrietta,* sister of Alanson, married *Benjamin Penfield.*

ALLEN, *Increase,* living in Black Rock in 1840, later of Norwalk. His son, Alfred, married Caroline, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hull) Sturges.

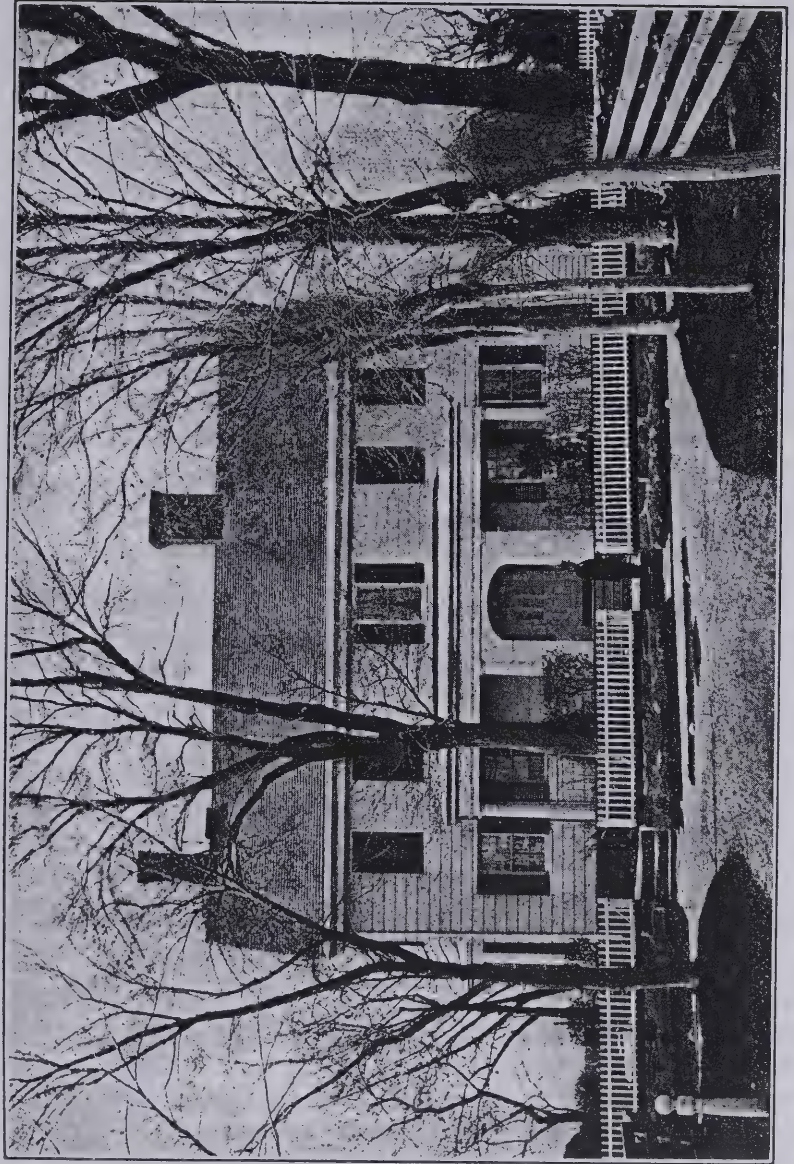
ANNABEL, the family twice victim of tragedy in the Journal, is given in the Fairfield Family Book as that of Anthony, who married 16 Jan. 1748, Sarah, daughter of Jonathan Middlebrook. Their children are named as Samuel, b. 26 June 1751; David, 1753; Sarah, 1754; Ebenezer, 1756; Mary, 1759, and Ann (presumably "Nancy"), born 3 Oct. 1761.

BABBITT, *Abial,* resident of Black Rock in 1840.

BANKS, *Elbert,* resident in 1850, with wife Polly and daughter, Maria, who subsequently married *Cyrus Spencer.*

BANKS, *Jessup,* son of Hezekiah and Sarah (Couch) Banks, married 20 May 1818, Laura Sherwood. She died 27 Sept. 1841. He died in Bridgeport 2 Feb. 1863, aged 72. His household in 1850 consisted of: Mary E. (second wife?); Cordelia, born 1822; Laura A., born 1831; and Edward J. born 1838.

BARLOW, Captain *David,* probably son of David Barlow, Sr., and father of Eunice Barlow who married Joseph Lockwood, Sr.



1801—The Thomas Bartram homestead (20)
(Photographed 1869)

BARSTOW, *John,* resident in 1850, with wife Irene and six children, Charles, Kate, Frances, Harriet, Susan, and William.

BARTRAM, Captain *Ebenezer*[4] (John[1], John[2]), son of Ebenezer[3] and Elizabeth (Williams) Bartram, born in Fairfield, baptized 18 June 1732, died in Black Rock 3 Jan. 1783. He married Mary Burr, came to Black Rock in 1775 when he purchased the James Wilson house (16) and his children are mentioned frequently in the Journal. They were;

Joseph, bapt. 28 Sept. 1760, lost at sea December, 1787.

Ebenezer, bapt. 15 Aug. 1762, m. 9 Jan. 1803, Abigail, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Gold) Jennings. He occupied the family homestead (16) until Sept. 4, 1818, when he and his household moved to Westmoreland, N. Y.

Thomas, born 22 Feb. 1764, died 4 April 1838. Shipmaster. He built in 1801 his home (20), having married 16 Nov. 1797, Sarah, daughter of *Nehemiah* and Sarah (Osborn) *Burr,* b. 29 March 1771, d. 19 Oct. 1849. They had three children: one daughter, Sarah Ann, who married Isaac DeForest; *Joseph* who lived in the John Wheeler house (15); and *Thomas Burr* who occupied his father's homestead (20). Both sons were shipmasters and merchants.

Mary, bapt. 6 Oct. 1765, m. 7 April 1787, Daniel Osborn, Jr.

Job, bapt. 17 May 1767, drowned 28 Oct. 1817. Sea captain. He married 6 Nov. 1798, Ruth, daughter of *Thomas* and Ruth (Wilson) *Holberton,* b. 1772, d. 11 Sept. 1853, and lived in Capt. Holberton's old home (8). Their recorded children include Mary, bapt. 12 May, 1799, m. *William H. Nichols; William,* bapt. 20 Sept. 1801; John, bapt. 21 June 1803; *George Wakeman,* bapt. 2 Sept. 1804; Catherine, b. 1808, m. *Thomas Ransom;* Jane, b. 1814, d. 29 Oct. 1815.

Jerusha, bapt. 6 Aug. 1769, m. 2 Dec. 1792, Nathan Lewis of Derby.

Barnabas, bapt. 30 May, 1773, died of yellow fever in

the West Indies 29 June 1805. He married 23 Jan. 1803, *Deborah,* dr. Ebenezer and *Mary* (*Wheeler*) Squire.

BATTERSON, *Burr,* lived in Black Rock in 1840.

BEACH, *James E.,* resident in 1850, with wife Caroline, and son William.

BEARDSLEE, *Asa.* Resident north of the stage road in 1815. In 1819 he purchased from Sullivan Moulton a wharf and store, which he sold in 1827, with his house and land, to *Samuel Kellogg.* His holdings between the stage road and Ash Creek—about 40 acres—were divided in 1812 by the laying out of north Brewster Street to what was known as "Beardslee's bridge" across the creek.

BENEDICT, Thaddeus, *"Esq. died 1799—51st year of his age I have heard him in Court— Remarkable for his contradictory remarks."*

BIBBINS, Israel. Resident near the new road to Holland Heights, laid out in 1812 which cut through his property. He died June 15, 1822, aged 74.

BLACKMAN, *Israel,* aged 67 in 1850, with wife (or daughter) Minerva, 40.

BLAKEMAN, *Henry,* listed in 1850 as 43, wife Sarah E., 34, and three children, Georgetta, 12; Franklin, 8; and Adeline, 2.

BRADLEY, Samuel, one of the original shareholders of the upper wharf.

BREWSTER, Captain *Caleb,* born Setauket, L. I., 1747, from Brookhaven, L. I., bought the Ezra Wheeler house (3a) and became one of the most picturesque heroes of Black Rock. Many stories are told of his exploits during the Revolution. In one encounter on the Sound with the British he was defeated, but swam ashore safely, with twelve new linen shirts lashed thriftily on his back. His "customary cruises" mentioned in the Journal are explained by the notation made by General Knox on his pension application that "he was confidentially employed in an armed boat by the Commander-in-Chief, to keep open communication between Connecticut and Long Island, for the purpose of obtaining intelligence." He was tall and of gigantic strength. He married 18 April 1784, Anna, daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Osborn) Lewis, bapt. 26 Oct. 1760, d. 30 Aug. 1834. Their children included: *Sarah,* b. 5 March 1785, d. 18 May 1875, who long occupied the homestead after the death of her parents; (*Jonathan*) *Lewis,* b. 5 Nov. 1786, d. 28 Oct. 1836, who kept a store near the wharf; Sturges, b. 20 Jan. 1789; Racilia, b. 17 April 1794; *Benjamin,* b. 17 Aug. 1796, drowned 30 Jan. 1817; Elizabeth Burr, b. 11 July 1792, d. 23 June 1796.

BRITTIN, Captain *John Pierson,* b. New York, 14 Feb. 1805, d. 13 Jan. 1878, married Lavinia Wilson, dr. *Daniel* and Anne (Jennings) *Wilson,* b. 17 April 1805, d. 8 Sept. 1875. Their son, *John William Brittin,* b. 25 April 1836, d. 30 Aug. 1911, m. (1) Anna Burr, dr. *Lewis* and Eliza (Olmstead) *Burr:* m. (2) Rebecca Brewster Walker, dr. *Eliphalet* and Frances Elizabeth (Burr) *Walker.* Their home was at the corner of Ellsworth and Hackley Streets.

BROTHERTON, *Alva,* resident in 1840.

BULKLEY, Joseph of Fairfield (1743-1776) married Elizabeth Lewis. Their children included Joseph, Jr.; Morehouse (mentioned in the Journal); Adad and Medad (twins); Lewis; Elizabeth, who married *David Penfield;* and Esther, who married David Patchen.

BULKLEY, Nathan, bought in 1770 from David Wheeler 3d. 15 acres "commonly called Cable's Field" between the stage road and the Cove.

BULKLEY, *Uriah,* son of Joseph and Ellen (Hubbell) Bulkley, purchased in partnership with his brother Joseph a store and wharf which they sold in 1817. He also owned the property and presumably built the house (13) later occupied by Captain *William H. Nichols.* He married Jane Sayre, dr. of Rev. James and Eunice (Dennie) Sayre.

BUNCE, *William Pernett,* born 25 Sept. 1835, died 10 May, 1869, married 10 May 1857, Harriet Elizabeth Fancher, daughter of *Henry Wilson* and Elizabeth (Benedict) *Fancher.*

BURR, David *died 1825 aged 67 he was a very jovial good-natured man, beloved by everyone— in his latter years he was very corpulent—being at a store he told a stranger he did a great deal of work— "You do not look as if you did much or could"— I am a Quil driver.*

BURR, James *died 1826 aged 40— I was particularly acquainted with him— he was a schoolmaster and a sailor, very ingenious and honest.*

BURR, John (1698-1752), son of Col. John Burr, lived on the road to Stratfield, and was grandfather of William Wheeler. His children included: Elizabeth, who married Col. Abraham Gold; Deborah, who married *Captain Ichabod Wheeler;* Ozias*; Abigail, who married Moses Jennings; John, struck by lightning and killed at the Stratfield meetinghouse in 1771; Justus, crushed by his own oxen against his barn door in 1766; Wakeman, found dead in a pasture, 1799; Amos; Catherine, who married Captain Robert Wilson; Ann, who married Thomas Sherwood.

BURR,* Ozias^5 (Jehu^1, Nathaniel^2, John^3), son of John^4 and Catherine (Wakeman) Burr, b. 1739, d. 5 Sept. 1836. His home was on the old Stratfield Road. He married Sarah Nichols (b. 1766) and their children included: Rebecca, and Charity (who died in 1794 within a few days); Justus, Ozias, *Nichols* (who lived near the creek on the old road); Sarah (who married Seth Couch); and Mary.

BURR, *Nehemiah*^{4} (Jehu^1, Daniel^2, Seth Samuel^3), built about 1762 a small house (5) in Black Rock. He was son of Seth Samuel and Catharine (Wakeman) Burr, b. 18 April 1734, d. in Black Rock July 1814. He served as one of the guards at the Black Rock fort in 1779. He married 21 April 1762 Sarah, daughter of Eleazar Osborn. Their children included: Thomas; Nehemiah (1765-1766); Ebenezer; Nehemiah; Hannah; Sarah, b. 29 March 1771, m. *Thomas Bartram;* Eleazer; *Noah**

BURR, *Noah**, bapt. 9 Sept. 1777, d. 25 Dec. 1857. Lived in his father's house (5). He married Anna, daughter of Isaac and Abigail (Gold) Jennings, b. July 1785, d. 16 March 1830. Their children included: Seth (went west and died there unmarried); Francis (died in Mexico); Isaac (killed during a voyage); Oliver; Sarah; Henry; *Abigail* (married *David Lockwood*).

BURR, *Oliver**, lived in his father's house until after 1850, when he built on Ellsworth Street. He married Emily Sherwood of Greenfield. Their children included Anna Frances, born 1856, and Cornelia Sherwood, born 1849.

BURR, *Thaddeus*^{6} (Jehu^1, Nathaniel^2, Nathaniel^3, Ephraim^4, Peter^5), born in Fairfield in 1778, died in Black Rock 21 Feb. 1858. He married Rhoda Meeker who d. 28 Aug. 1834. Their children included: Peter, b. 1801, d. at sea 1827; *Mary* (married George Morehouse); *Albert,* married Sarah Raymond and lived north of the stage road; Lewis*.

BURR, *Lewis**, b. 1806, d. 14 March 1881. In 1830 he bought the Wilson Knap house (19). He married 25 Oct. 1829 Eliza Olmstead, sister of Alanson Allen's first wife and daughter of Hezekiah and Hannah (Smith) Olmstead, b. 2 Jan. 1807, d. 16 July 1889. Their children included: *Woodruff Lewis* (1830-1909) who married Marietta Sturges (1839-1896), daughter of Jonathan and Sarah (Hull) Sturges; his twin, Sarah Brewster, b. 8 Dec. 1830, d. 6 Oct. 1846; *Franklin Edgar,* b. 10 Jan. 1834, d. 4 Dec. 1869; his twin, Frances Elizabeth, d. 18 Nov. 1869, married *Eliphalet Walker;* Anna Jane, b. 10 June, 1837, d. 18 Feb. 1883, married *John W. Brittin;* her twin, Mary Jane, d. 6 Sept. 1891, married David M. Greenough; and Virginia Elizabeth, b. 17 March 1840, d. 12 Sept. 1853.

BURTON, *William,* on census list of 1850.

CALLON, *William,* married Caroline, daughter of Chauncy and Caroline Matilda (Beers) Wheeler. She married (2) Rufus Fancher. They lived near the upper wharf about 1830.

Fairfield CT Records
to 1721

1683 Beers, John (contd)
Israell Chancy)
Deacon Timothy Wilcokson) overseers
Zackery Fairchild)

Saml. Sherman)
Zacharial Fairchild) Witness

Inv. taken by Selectmen Thos. Ufford, Saml.
Sherman, John Wils.

1683 Barnabas Beers, brother of John above

1685 Bell, Lieut. Francis, takes inv. est. Joseph Scoffield ?

1685 Bates, John, takes inv. est. Joseph Scoffield, (Stratford)?

1683 Bullerd, widow, est. of, inv. Aug. 18, 1683, by John Bowers
Book 1675- & John Hobby, Townsmen, filed Nov. 6, 1683.
1689, p. 116. Lieut. Jona Lockwood swares to inv.

1683 Bowers, John, takes inv. est. Widow Bullerd.

1688 Birdsey, John, overseer of est. Ely. Porter of Stratford.

1679 Beers, Anthony (a taylor), est. of inv. May 14, 1679,
by George Squire & Tho. Wilson, filed 1683.
Leaves property at various places. Book 1675-
1689, p. 123.

At Abram Addams
" John Grummuns, Sen.
Mr. Thorngte
Tho. Staples, Sen.
Danl. Sillwants

1684 Burr, John, called brother by Moses Dimond

1684 Burr, Nath. witness will " "

1683 Browne, Sarah, wife of Eleazer Browne of N. Haven,
d. Sarah Wilson, sometimes Bulkley.

1683 Bulkley, John, son of Sarah Wilson, sometimes Bulkley.

1690 Birdsey, John (Contd)
Inv. taken before June 12, 1690, by Saml. Sherman, Saml. Hawly, James Judson, John Coe, & Danl. Pickit, Selectmen of Stratford.
Marriage agreement of John Birdsey, Sen. & Alice Tomlinson, dated Oct. 8, 1688.
Witness, Izrael Chanucy & Rich. Blackleck.

1688 Blacklech, Rich. witness above marriage agreement.

1690 Bastard, Mr. Joseph, app. admr. of est. Rich. Ogden, decd.

1690 Brown, Thos. of Rye, witness will of, overseer of est. of Thos. Lyon of Greenwich.

1690 Bennedick, John, takes inv. of est. Eliz. Kellog of Norwalk.

1690 Beers, Barnabas, left a number of legacies by John Wilcockson, Jun.

1690 Blackman, Dorothy, called grandchild by John Wilcockson, Jun.

1690 Bulkley, John, admr. est. of Deborah Whelpley

1690 Bell, Lieut. apt. admr. of est. Joshua Hoit of Stanford

1690 Bates, Ensign, John, appt. overseer of est. John Jeger of Stanford, decd. 1684.

1690 Bennit, Joseph, called cousin by Joseph Joy of Fairfield.

1690 Bennit, James, admr. of est. Jacob Joy " "

1690 Beardsley, Saml. Jr. witness will of Joseph Joy of Fairfield

1699 Bennet, James, appt. admr. of Joseph Jackson's est.
see 1690

1691 Beacham, Robt. of Maximus Farms, will of, dated Nov. 20, 1688, probated and inv. filed Mch. 10, 1691.
Widow Elizabeth · Book 1689-17o1, p. 36.
Grandchild Robt. Lockwood
" Susanna "
" John ")
" Sarah ") Under age

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1690 Beardsley, Saml. Jr. witness will of Joseph Joy of Fairfield

1699 Bennet, James, appt. admr. of Joseph Jackson's est.
see 1690

1691 Beacham, Robt. of Maximus Farms, will of, dated Nov. 20, 1688, probated and inv. filed Mch. 10, 1691.
Widow Elizabeth Book 1689-17o1, p. 36.
Grandchild Robt. Lockwood
" Susanna "
" John ")
" Sarah ") Under age

1691 Beacham, Robt. (Contd.)
Gave before the 2d. Div. of Compaw to Edward Jesup.
Joseph Lockwood, son-in-law, Ex.

Witness)Jehu Bur
)Josiah Harvy

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Widow
Child
Possibly an unborn child.
Gersham Lockwood, called father.)
John Browne of Newwork)   Overseers
called cousin)

Witness Saml. Peck)
John Marshall Sen.) Witness
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1690 Browne, John, of Newwork, cousin so called by above.

1690 Bennidick, Thos. of Norwolk, will of, dated July 28,1690 Aged about 73 yrs., probated and inv. filed Mch. 10,1691, Book 1689-1701, p.38.
Widow Mary
Danl. son of decd.
John " "
Grandchild Thos. Slauson, son of his d. Mrs. Slauson.
James, son of decd.
Grandchild Thos. Benidick
" Saml. "
" John " the eldest son of his son John
" Saml. " possibly he may not be the same as above.
" Jonna Benedick
Rebecka, Ward dau. of decd.
Sarah " "
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" Jonna Benedick (Jonathon) or (Johanna)
Rebecka, Ward dau. of decd. (Wood)
Sarah " "
" Mary Olmsted
" Hannah Benedick

1696 xd. Bowers, Mrs. Hannah, of Greenwich, est. of, inv. taken Jan. 9, 1695/6 by Danl. Smith & Thos. Marshall, filed Mch. 11, 1696, Book 1689-1701, p.137.
Children of decd.:
Joshua Knap
Joseph "
Timothy "
Benjamin"
Caleb "
Hannah Smith
Ruth Renolds
Joshua Knap of Horsneck & Josiah Knap & Danl. Smith of Greenwich appt. admrs.

1696 Xd. Beers, Joseph of Fairfield, est. of, inv. taken Mch. 6, 1696 by Saml. Roberson & John Osburne. filed Mch. 24, 1696, Book 1689-1701, p.138. Decd. had land given by his father near Saml. Smith 's, also land at Mill Plain -Sasco Neck - Sasco Hill - Wilson Hill & land bought of Deny near Mill River.
Widow Abegaile
Sons & Daughters - see 1698
The widow & Ensign John Osburne appt. admrs.

Prob. son of James Beers brother of Anthony

1695 Xd. Barnam, Thos. of Danbury, who died Dec. 26, '95. Inv. taken by James Beebe, James Picket & Josiah Star.
Due from est. to Dr. John Butler
" " " " Mr. Reed, the hatter at Fairfield
Thos. Barnam, son of decd., & Thos. Picket of Danbury, appt. admr.
Widow formerly from Stratford, Sarah
5 sons)
5 daughters) some under age.
Filed Feb. 6, 1696, Book 1689-1701 p.139.

1695 Beebe, Mr. James, of Danbury, overseer of abv. est.

1695 Butler, Dr. John, Cr. to est. of Thos. Barnam.

1697 Xd. Brundage, John, of Rye, est. of, inv. taken Oct. 2, 1697, by Saml. Knifen, Haskelial Browne & John Lyon.
Widow Hannah Filed Nov. 2, 1697, Book 1689-1701, p.141.
Names of Children, viz:
John Brundage
Danl. "
Joshua "
Mary "
Hannah "
Ruth Scofield, wife of Richard Scofield.

1698 Beers, Martha, (Contd)
1698, Apr. 26, the Court thinks there is something due the children of Joseph Beers, decd. out of the movables of decd. Martha by virtue of the decd. James Beers, Sen. her husband's will and Court appt. John Barlow to assist the above admrs.

1698 Buckley, Martha, dau. of Widow Martha Beers.

1698 Buckley, Joseph, appt. admr. of est. Widow Martha Beers.

1698 Barlow, John, " " " " " "

1698 Barlow, Sarah, (Joseph estate of) widow of Joseph Barlow, agreement dated Nov. 3,1698, with the Brothers of her decd. husband as follows: Book 1689-1701,p. 165.
John Barlow
Saml. Denton or Dente) as per John Barlow
Jeremiah Fowler)
John Morhouse
Before John Wakeman, Justice
Witness, Nathl. Bur, Jr., Saml. Squire.
The widow to have all the land she recd. from her father, also the house and homelot that said Joseph Barlow bought of Eleazar Smith of Fairfield.
The above Sarah, d. of Wm. Reed, may have m. 2d Zachariah Ferris of Stratford.

1698 Bur, John, called brother to Joseph Barlow, decd.

1698 Barlow, John, " " " " "

1698 Barlow, Saml. " " " " "

1698 Exd. Bedient,Thos. est. of, inv. filed Mch. 12, 1698,by Saml. Squire, Joseph Sturges, Danl. Meker & Elnathan Hanford.
Added to inv. a bill due from Thos. Bishop of Chester & " " " John Peat of Stratford.
Bill of Jonathan Keefe doubtful
Widow Mary, 1 son, 6 daughters.
The widow to admr.
Book 1689-1701, p.167 & 215.

1698 Bears, Joseph (Contd)
Ensign John Osburn was admr. of est. of Joseph Bears with the widow Abegaile before said Dunbar was admr.
There is a bill of John Thomas of Woodley vrs est. to be paid, 1/2 to be paid by said Dunbar. also legacies still due heirs of James Bears, Sen. as Joseph, decd. was ex. of this his father's est.

1702 Exd. Brinsmead, Paul, of Stratford, settlmt. of est. of Nov. 25, 1702 Capt. James Judson & Benj. Curtis. Admr. made report. Capt. Judson to be guardian of dau. Ester.
Benj. Curtis to be guardian of dau. Deborah
Ensign John Coe, of Stratford, chosen by son Zackariah for guardian.
Saml. Brinsmead, broth. to decd. owes the est.
Book 1689-1701, p.212.

1698 Barlow, John, refuses to act further as admr. of est. Joseph Bears.

1693 Blacklach, Mr. Rich. buys prop. at Fairfield of Thos. Dickerson, mason, of Stratford.

1692 Bur, Abegaile, the wife of Danl. Bur, has an interest in the est. of Henry Glover, decd. sometime of New Haven. She sells her interest in said est. to Ellen Glover, widow of New Haven for £ 30 & for said £ 30 receives prop. from her husband Danl. Bur, to her in trust & The Worshipful Moses Mansfield, of New Haven, trusteee of said Abegaile Bur.

Witness Wm. Pitkin,
Eliphelet Hill.

1692 Bur, Danl. husband of Abegaile Bur.

1694 Bulkley, John, called Uncle by Sarah Whelpley, of Fairfield, & he is admr. of ests. of her father and mother, Joseph & Rebecka Whelpley.

1692 Baulden, Jonathan, witness release of overseers of widow of Nathl. Porter by Mary Roys, wife of Robt. Roys.

1663 Finch, Danl. released by the administrators
(Francis Hall, Thos. Staples & Cornelius Hull)
of the estate of John Tomson from his obligation
to pay the heirs of said Tomson on account of
his having married Elizabeth Tomson the Relict of
said John

1669 French, Nathaniel is left prop. by Thos. Pell.

1670 Finch, John witness settlement of est. of Giles Smith
& heirs of Jonathan Porter.

1670 Fairchild, Thos. will of, dated Dec. 17-1670, probated
Katherin, widow of decd. May 10,1671.
Samuel, son of decd.
Zachariah
Dinah Boook 1665- 1675, p. 57.
Thos.
Emm
Danl. Mitchell)
Caleb Nichols) Witness

1670 Exd. Fairchild, Thos. inventory of estate filed Nov.1671,
taken by the Townsmen, John Curtis, Joseph Hawby -
Frank Hall, Henry Tomlinson. Book 1665-1675,p.61.

1671 Oct. Fenn, Joseph, of Norwock, est. of inventory made by
Thos. Benedict, Sen. & Thos. Fitch, Sen., selectmen
of said Norwock.
Lieut. Olmsted is interested in est. before
me Benj. Fenn.

1671 Fitch, Thos. Sr. selectman of Norwock.

1674 Frost, Eliz. called dau. by John Barlow.

1675 Ferris, Peter, takes inv. of est. Francis Holmes.

1675 Finch, Abraham is Cr. of Cornelius Hind of Stratford.

1678 Fitch, Mary, called cousin by Rich. Lyon of Fairfield.

1675 Frost, Danl. released in 1681 by his child Rebecca, wife
Simon Booth and Simon Booth of legacy left to said
Rebecca by her grandfather Danl. Frost. of Fairfield,
Book 1675-1689, p.69.

1675 Fletcher Sha, witness above release.

1681 Fitch, John, Step-son-in-law to Nath. Richards, husband to
Rebecca. Reb. Lindall. Father died. Mother married Richards

1682 Ferris, Joseph, witness with Margaret Kitchell of Greenwich.

1682 Frees, Jeremia Est. of (of Fairfield) Inv. taken Oct.
24,1682 by Wm. Hill & Josiah Harvy, & filed Nov.7,
1682, Book 1675-1689, p.86.
Sergt. Nathaniel Seily apt. admr.

1678 Thos. Fitch, Sen.) Selectmen of Norwock take inv. of
Thos. Fitch, Jun.) estate of Thos. Hale.

1683 Frost, Danl. Jr. Adm. est. John Andrews, decd.

1683 Fairchild, Zackery, overseer est. Thos. Ufford.

1683 " " " " John Beers.

1684 Ferris, Peter, takes inv. est. Joseph Webb of Stanford.

1684 Exd. Fitch, Sergt. Thos. of Norwalk, estate of, inv. May 15,
1684, by Thos. Benedict, Sen. John Bowton, Sen. &
James Olmstead, widow Ruth. (filed Nov.6,1684)
Sarah, dau. of decd. aged 21 yrs.
Thos. son " " " 19 " (Book 1675-1689,
Mary, dau. " " " 16 " (p. 139)
Saml., son " " " 2 1/2 "

Mr. Fitch)
John Platt) Overseers.

1684 Ferris, Joseph, takes inv. est. Epraim Palmer.

1684 Ferris, Peter, takes inv. est. Wm. Cressy.

1685 Frost, Mr. Isaac, Will of, dated Dec. 3, 1684, probated &
inv. filed Mch. 10, 1684, Book 1675-1689, p.144 &
Sister of decd. Sara Smith. 156.
" Rachel Rumsy
" Hannah Eharp or Sharp -
Brother " Danl. Frost & my sister Esther Frost
not wife of Dan.
Cousin " " John Smith s. of brother in law
Saml. Smith.

Counsin of decd. Eliz. Smith, d. of brother in law
Saml. Smith.
Joseph Frost, brother of decd. sole ex.
Josiah Harvy)
Saml. Drake) witness
Inventory before Court Mch. 10, 1685.
" July 26,1685 by Cornelius Hull
Richard Hubbell
Josiah Harvy.

1684 Ferris, Peter, take inv. est. Wm. Potter.

1684 Frost, Mr. Danl. Sen. of Fairfield, will of, dated July 23-1682, probated Mch. 20, 1685, Book 1675-1689 p. 170 & 177.
Widow Elizabeth,
Son Danl. land at Maxemeus farm
Son, Joseph
" Isaac " " " and Componeck.
Daughter, Rebecca Booth,wife of Simon Booth of Mass. prob.
" Rachel Rumsie, " " Robt. Rumsey.
" Hannah Thorp, " " John Thorp.
" Hester Frost, " " (married Saml. Corby prob.)
Wm. Hill,Sen.)
John Sturge,Sen.) Witness
Inv. taken Dec.15,1684.
John Wheler)
Joshua Knowles)
Josiah Harvy)

1684 Ferris, Joseph, takes inv. of est. of Joshua Knap.

1685 Finch, Abraham of Stamford is freed from trayning on a/c of his constant lameness.

1685 Fitch, John, overseer of est. Epraim Lockwood.

1686 Frost, Eliz. of Fairfield, est. of, inv. taken Aug. 13-1686 by John Bur, Cornelius Hull & Josiah Harvy. Filed Aug. 20, 1686, Book 1675-1689, p. 198.
Robt. Rumsy swares to inv.
(had land at Mill Hill & at Sasqua)
Danl. Frost, son of decd.
Joseph," " " "
Saml. Smith, son in law
Robt. Rumsy, " " "

John Thorp, son in law
Saml. Cooly, " " "
Lieut. Cornelius Hull)
Mr. Josiah Harvy) administrators.
of Woodbury.

1686 Fairchild, Thos. who died Mch. 27-1686, inv. at Woodbury Apr. 16-1686 (evidently a smith & carpenter)by Joseph Judson, John Wheler & Jphn Sherman (Townsmen)
Susanna, widow, afterwards married Saml. Nickle of Woodbury.
Emm Dau. decd. over 14 yrs. old.
Samuel - son, decd. 10 yrs. " Jany. next.
Ruth, dau. " 8 " " 15 Jany. "
Alexander, son " 6 " " Feby. "
Catherena, dau." 1 1/2" "
(Filed Nov. 2,1686, Book 1675-1689,p.208)
Zakeriah Waker)
John Sherman) overseers.

1687 Frost, Danl. adm. est. Ann Peacke.

1689 Fitch, John, witness will of John Gregory of Norwalk.

1689 Frost, Joseph, witness will Francis Bradly.

1676 Ferris, Jeffery & his executors hath fully satisfied unto Wm. Ward, Joseph Lockwood & Danl. Lockwood all the est. contd.upon the inv. of Robt. Lockwood decd. their father, and they acquit and discharge Jonathan Lockwood & Peter Ferris the ex. of the said Jeffery Ferris, what he was bound to pay by order of the Court 10 July 1661.
The above said Joseph & Danl. do this in their own hame & in the name of the sister Deborah Ward.

1663 Frost, Sarah, of the bankside acknowledges as having recd. of Danl. Frost. her father, a legacy left her by her grandfather Wm. Frost.
Witness Ann Green
John Green.
Sarah Smith this 21 of July 1682 acknowledges the above discharge & it was given her father before her marriage.

1665 Frost, Wm. called grandfather by Sarah (Frost) Smith.

1704 Fitch, Mr. Thos. of Norwalk, will of, dated Oct. 6, 1696
Grandchild, Thos. Fitch
Grandchildren, John & Nathaniell Fitch.
Dau. Ann now wife of John Tomson of Farmington
" Mary " " " Capt. Mathew Sherwood.
" in law his sons John wife, Rebecca
Son, John
Son, John, sole ex.
Son, Capt. Mathew Sherwood & my) overseers.
Cousin Sargt. John Plat.)
Witness James Olmsted.
Saml. Smith.
Inv. April 14-1704-by James Olmsted Saml. Smith, Thos. Betts, Mr. John Fitch son of Mr. Thos. Fitch decd. above, engages to give unto the children of his sister Burr decd. as much as his father gave his other sister.

1703 Frost, Danl. takes inv. est. John Green of Fairfield.

1699 Exd. Ferris, Joseph, Mr. of Greenwich, will of, dated June 9, 1699
Pheris, wife Ruth.
Eldest son living, John, - prop. bought of Zacariah Baldwin land bought of Saml. Jenkins.
Son, James: land next Henry Richhorne & land bet. Joshua, Knap & Henry Rich.
Son Moses
Son Benjamin (See ante p. 119)
Son Cabel (entry made before)
Son Joseph
Son Joshua Witnesses (Joseph Kanpp
dau. Hannah (Benj. Ferris.
dau. Ruth Peck (Book 1689-1701, p.190)
Dau. Liddia, (Reynolds)
Wife - & Brother Peter Ferris &)
My Son Saml. Peck.) to adm.

1701 Fanton, Sarah, wife of Jonathan Fanton, d. of John Hide of Fairfield.
1701 Fanton, Jonathan, overs. est of John Hide of Fairfield.
1705, Fairchild, Mr. Saml. sen of Stratfd. Inv. Mch. 7-1704/5 by Moses Wheeler - Rich. Blacklach, Sen. Benj. Cony. Widow, Mary.

Widow to admr.
    Eldest son
    2 other sons
Mr. Rich. Blacklach, Lieut. John Hall & Mr. John Beach
    all of Stratford to dist.

1704 Forwards, Joseph of Danbury, decd. Oct. 3-1704 - Inv.
    taken Oct. 31 - 1704 by James Bebee, Saml. Bennydick &
    Josiah Starr.
        Widow Lidia in 1707 wife of Thos. Wildman.
Children
        Lidia 6 yrs. old on 2d Apr. last
        Ann, 4 " " 15 Mch. last 1707, Joseph
Gregory, Guardian of
        Hannah 2 " " 18 Jany. " in 1707 with
her uncle.
        Marcy, born 16 last July, in 1707 - Danl. Benedick,
Sen. & Thos. Tailor Jr. to dist.
        The widow to admr.

1697 Fitch, Abigaile, called grandchild by Sarah Curtiss, now
        wife of Capt. Wm. Curtiss, formerly Goodrich.
(From Sam. Fitch family) Wethersfield

1705 French, Saml. appt. Guardian for John, Elizabeth &
        Nehemiah Barly, children of George Barley of
        Stratford, decd.

1707 Forward, Lidia &) have Thos. Wildman for Guardian he having
        Mercy) married their mother.

1711 Fairchild, Joseph, witness will Mrs. Sarah Chancey of
        Stratford.

1711 Foot, Johiell, " " " " "

1707 Frost, Joseph, dist. of est. of by John Barlowe &
        Ezekiell Sanford.
    To Joseph, eldest son,
        Abnar
        Ellen
        Sarah
    The widow receives her part.

BOOK 1648-1656.

1655 Knowles, Alexander, inv. filed about 1660, p. 85.
1663 Knowles, Alexander, Will of
John, son
Josua, "
(John Ford,
(Thos. "
Grandchildren (Eliz. "
(Mary "
(Lidia "
Grandchild John Knowles
daughter at Milford,
Elizabeth, daughter.

1666 Knap, Roger, wife of, receiver prop. by Will of Danl.
Finch, (had land in Newfield at Sascoe.)

1667 Knapp, Josuah, witness will of Jeffry Ferris.

1667 Knowles, John, administrator of estate of Peter Abbot
& guardian of child Hannah Abbot.

1670 Exd. Knap, Nicolas, Will of, Feby. 15, 1670, of Standford, probated Oct. 31,1670, Book 1665-1675,p.56
Moses, son
Timothy, "
Calep, "
Joshua, "
Sarah Disbrowe, daughter
Hanna, "
Lidea, "
Ruth, "
Sarah Buxton) called daughters in law and are left
Unica Buxton) prop. out of the effects of their
) father Clemont Buxton.
John Wood)
Eleazer Slawson,) witness.

1672 Keeler, Ralph, of Norwock, Will of dated Aug.20,1672,
Sarah,widow of decd. prob. Nov.5,1672,Book 1665-
John, son of decd. 1675, p. 63.
Ralph " "
Saml.
3 daughters, Jonas, youngest son,
Rebecca, daughter
Elizabeth, "
Benj. Turney is
husband of one
daughter.

Thos. Morehouse married the eldest daughter,
not mentioned in will.

Thos. Handford,)
Rich. Olmsteed,) Witness
(Kellogg)

Danl. Kollock)
John Bouton) Administrators.
Inventory taken by Thos. Fitch, sen.
Thos. Benedit, sen.
Sept. & Oct. 1672. Danl. Kollock, sen.

1675 Exd. Knap, Jonathan, est. of, Inv. filed Mch. 16, 1675.
taken by John Banks, Book 1675-1689, p.9.
Geo. Squire,
Saml. Moorhouse.

1672 Kimberle, Sergt. Thos. , of Stratford, Will of, dated Jan.11,
probated Mch.12,1672.(Book1665-1675,p.67) 1672 .
Mary widow of decd.
Abia Boardman, daughter,(married, had 3 children)

Eleazer, son of decd.
(Nathaniel Hayes,
Grandchildren (Elizabeth,
(Mary,
Son Abraham & Hanna his wife & their d. Mary.
" Nathaniel,
" Thomas.
Given also to Hackebian)
and Joseph)Preston
Richard Booth,)
John Picket,sr.) Overseers. Witness (John Minor
Preston. (Chancy.
Inventory taken Feby. 12, 1672, by Rich. Booth,
John Wilcokson,
before Robt. Clarke.
Wm. Curtiss.

1673 Knowles, John, Will of, dated Nov. 1, 1673,probated Dec.18,1673
of Fairfield. Book 1665-1675, p. 71 & 175. Also
Book 1689-1701, p. 83.
(Grandson of) John eldest son was dece. 1684/5,
(Jno.Cable.) Joshua, "
Joshua (brother to decd. having taken him
as his child),
Sarah

Exd. Keeler, Jonas, of Norwock, est. of, distributed to
John Keeler,)
#(Ralph) or Caleph Keeler) agreement bet.)confirmed Mch.3,
Saml. ")brothers of decd) 1673, Book 1675-
1689, p. 33.
(# I have Robert)
Thos. Benedict, Sen.)
John Unsteed, Olmstead) witness.

1674 Exd. Kahp, Calep, Standford, Will of, dated Oct.11,1674,
Hanna, widow, probated 1677, Book 1675-1689,p.36.
Abigall Smith, sister to wife of decd.,
Calep, eld. son of decd.
John,
Moses,
Samuell,
Sarah,
Hannah.
Joshua Knap,) Danl. Westcott,)
John Holly,sen) Overseers. Moses Knap,) witness.
Inv. taken Mch. 4, -77, by Wm. Newman & Jonathan Sillick,
Dr. to Est. Goodman Hull of Stratford.
John Ketham, Mr. Bishop, Mr. Aaquir,
Danl.Westcott,John Millerd, John Weed.

1680 Killoch, Bridget, dau. Alec Marvin of Norwock.

1681 Ketchem, Joseph, step-son-in-law to Nathl. Richards,
Husband to Mercy. Lindall

1681 Keeler, Ralph, step-son-in-law to Nathl. Richards,
Husband to Grace. Lindall

1682 Knowles, John, Grandson to John Cabee, decd.

1682 Exd. Ketchell, Margeret, of Greenwich, Will of, dated
Dec. 2, 1679. probated Nov. 6, 1682.
Widow of Mr. Robert Kitchell,
Of Norwock, Son, Kitchell, (Saml.)
Of Greenwich Daughter, Peck, Joanna, wife of Jeremia Peck
(7 children or more)
Gift to 1 of 4 children of son Kitchell.
Joshua, Knap, Sr., of Greenwich)
John Renolds, " ") Overseers.
John Bowers, of Greenwich)
Moses Ferris,) Witness.
Inv. taken at Greenwich May 16, 1682, by
John Bowers & Joshua Knap.

x 1685 Keeler, Saml. witness will of Saml. Sention.

x 1685 Keeler, Ralph, had prop. next to Epraim Lockwood.

1687 Knifton, Saml., called cousin by Nathan Whelpley, decd.
also called his sister's son.

1687 Knifton, George, appt. adm. of est. of Nathan Whelpley, decd.

1687 Knap, John, grandson of Henry Smith of Stanford.

1687 Knap, John, adm. of will of Henry Smith of Stanford.

x 1688 Keeler, Saml., has prop. at cove next to Thos. Betts of Norwalk.

1689 Exd. Kellock, Danl., of Norwalk, est. of, Inv. taken
Dec. 5, 1688. (Book 1675-1689, p. 264.
by Thos. Benedict, John Platt & Saml. Smith,
filed Mch. 5, 1688/9.
Widow, Bridget.
Sarah,)
Mary,) daughters married
Rachell,)
dau. Elizabeth above 20 yrs. of age,
son, Danl. 18 yrs. next May.
" Saml. 15 yrs.
dau. Lydia 13 " next April.
Benj.)
Joseph) twins 11 years old.
Widow appt. admx.

Acc Kellogg

Lydia Kellogg b. about 1676
marriage age about 1700

1675 Kilnep, An. of Boston, is owed by John Raymond of Norwalk

1689 Exd. Kelog, Danl. of Norwalk, decd. Nov. 5, 1689, Inv.
taken on said date by John Platt, Saml. Hayes &
Saml. Smith, filed Nov. 7, 1689.
Children, (Book 1675-1689, p. 268, also Book 1689-1701, p. 73.
Sarah Brinsmed, wife of Danl.)
Mary Plat, wife of Joseph,) of age to receive their portions.
Rachell Nicoles, wife of Abraham,)
Elizabeth Kelog, decd. in 1690)
Danl. Kelog aged at 19 yrs. next May.
Saml. " " " 16 " " Feby.
Joseph " " " 12 " " Mch.
Benj. " " " 12 " " "
x Lidia " " " 14 " " April b.1675

Acc about

1689
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1675

Saml. Kelog of Norwalk hath chose Saml. Haise Guardian
Danl.
Saml. Hays,)
Saml. Smith)administrators.

1678 Knap, Josiah, as admr. of the est. of his brother Jonathan Knap, deceased, is released by his sister Lidia Mils of legacy due her from the est. of her deceased brother Jonathan.
Witness Wm. Hill and Elizabeth Hill.

B O O K 1689-1701

* 1688 Keeler, Ralph sold land before date to Robt. Stewart of Norwalk.

1690 Kellog, Elizabeth, of Norwalk, est. of, Inv. taken Nov. 5, 1690, by James Olmsted, John Bennedick and Joseph Kitcham, filed Nov. 25, 1690.
Saml. Smith of Norwalk,)Admr.
Saml. Haies, ")Appt. (Book1689-1701, p. 15.

1690 Kitcham, Joseph, take inv. of above est.

1691 Knap, Saml., called son in law by Thos. Lawrence.

1691 Knap, John, calls himself son in law to Thos. Lawrence

1691 Knap, Mary, d. of Widow Wake of Fairfield, see Roger Knap, Sen.

1691 Knap, Roger, of Fairfield, will of, dated Mch. 31, 1691 His mother, Widow Wake, probated & inv. filed Nov. 25, 1691. Book 1689-1701, p. 50.
Brother Nathaniel Knap. If he should die before his mother & leave no heirs, the prop. to go to the children of Roger Knap's Sister.
Witness, Thos. Dickerson, Charles Lane.
Inv. taken May 13, 1691, by Jonathan Morehouse & Thos. Dickerson.
The Court distributed the movables to Susana, Charles, & Alexander Lane, children of Charles Lane, (he having married Elizabeth Knap, sister to said Roger) & the remainder of such est. to Mary Knap, sister to said Roger.

1691 Knowles, Joshua, witness will Saml. Wakeman, Jr.

1693 Knapp, Joshua, appt. admr. est. Walter Butler of Greenwich.

1690 Kellog, Elizabeth, of Norwalk, Inv. of remainder of her estate, prop. at Wallingford. Inv. taken Nov. 25, 1690 by same as above. (Book 1689-1701, p. 106.) Same admrs. prop. divided bet. brothers and sisters.

1694 Knap, Caleb, living with John Bowers of Greenwich, left legacy.

1694 Knap, Joshua, of Greenwich, Ex. of est. John Bowers.

1696 Knowles, Thos., Selectman of Stratford takes inv. est. Paul Brinsly or Brinsmead.

1696 Knowles, Sargt., appt. overseer of est. Paul Brinsly or Brinsmead.

1698 Keefe, Jonathan, bill of, to est. Thos. Bedicut, doubtful.

1692 Kellog, Danl., Ex. & admr. of Est. of, released by Joseph Plat, Danl. Brinsmed & Abraham Nicoles, sons-in-law, as having rec'd. part of the legacies and given up remainder to the other heirs.
Witness, James Olmsted.
Rachell Smith.

1692 Kellog, Joseph,)
Benj.) by their Guardians Christopher Comstock & Thos. Bets acknowledge having received from the admr. their portions & also gift of brothers in law as above.
Witness John Fitch,
Saml. Marvin.

1692 Kellog, Lidia, by her guardian James Olmsted, makes the same acknowledgment.
Witness, John Olmsted & Rachell Smith.

1692 Kellog, Danl. and Saml. Haise, Guardian to Saml. Kellog, make same acknowledgment.
Witness, Ralph Kellog, Richard Wood.

BOOK 1702-1750.

1711 Kellog, Benj., son of the decd. Danl. Kellog of Norwalk, is made the ward of Eliasap Preston of Wallingford.

1711 Kellog, Eliasp is made the ward of Andrew Messenger of Norwalk.

1711 Kellog, Saml., of Norwalk, is chosen by the Court to be guardian to Danl. & Johana Kellog, children of the decd. Danl. Kellog of Norwalk.

1711 Kellog, Joseph, of Norwalk is chosen by the Court to be guardian to John Kellog, son of decd. Danl. Kellog.

1711 To be found with the above guardian the court appt. Zachariah Black.

1711 Kimberly, Abraham, makes choice of his Uncle Abraham Kimberly to be his guardian.

1712 Knowles, Joshua, of Fairfield, decd. est. of, Court appts Capt. Joseph Bishop of Stamford, Mr. Dugell Machency of Fairfield, Mr. Joseph Rogers of Milford to admr.

1702 Keller, Saml., taken inv. est. John Rescow of Norwalk.

1702 Kellog, Benj., of Norwalk, est. of inv. Nov. 2, 1702, by Zurubbabell Hoit, Andrew Messenger & John Raimond. Broth. Danl. Kellog to admr.

1701 Knowles, Thos., Selectman of Stratford, inv. est. Nathl. Hudson.

1701 Knell, Isack, " " " " "

1703 Kellog, Danl., of Norwalk, est. of, Agreement of sons & sons-in-law in the dist. of the est. of their brother Benj. Kellog, decd.
Danl. Kellogg : Abraham Nicoles
Saml. " : John Clarke,
Joseph " : Sarah Brimsmead &
widow Mary Plat.
Witness, James Olmsted,
Saml. Olmsted & John Fitch.

1697 Knapp, Moses, had land at Stamford next Rev. John Davenport grant.

1705 x Keeler, Saml. of Norwalk, chose Guardian for Anna d. Leut. John Olmsted, decd.

1702 Knap, Joshua, of Greenwich, appt. Guardian of youngest children of Peter Clapham of Norwalk, decd.

1705 Kellog, Sarah, called daughter by John Platt of Norwalk, decd

1705 Kellog, Saml., takes inv. of est. of " "

1705 Knowles, Leut. Thos., of Stratford, will of, dated Nov. 12, 1705.
Widow Mary.
Cosin Isack Knowles of my brother Eliazer Knowles, of Woodbury, under age, left all the property after the death of wife Mary. In case he dies before 21, the prop. to go to 2d son of aforesaid.
The widow sole ex.
Witness, Joseph Curtis,
Jacob Walker,
Elizabeth Basset.
Codicil The Salt Meadow I bought of Benj. Nicols I give to the eldest son of said Benj. Nicols.
Witness, Joseph Curtis,
Nathl. Beach.
Inv. Dec. 3, 1705, by Joseph Curtis, James Judson.

1705 Knowles, Eliazer, of Woodbury, brother to Leut. Thos. Knowles above - his eldest son Isack left all prop. of said Thos. Knowles.

1702 Kimberly, Abraham, appr. to take inv. of est. of Sarah Curtiss, now decd., wife of Capt. Wm. Curtiss, formerly Goodrich. Wethersfield, Samuel Fitch family

1706 Knell, Phebe, called sister by Caleb Nicols of Woodbury.

1707 x Keeler, Saml. makes dist. est. Thos. Lupton of Norwalk.

1707 Knap, John, takes inv. & dist. est. Peter June of Stanford.

1706 Knap, Joseph, Witness Will of Leut. David Waterbury, Sr., decd.

1708 Knell, Isack, of Stratford, Inv. of est. Dec. 21, 1708, by Moses Wheeler & Abraham Nicoles.
Widow Phebe,
The widow with Mr. Moses Wheeler & Mr. Abraham Nicoles, both of Stratford, to admr.

1709 Knap, Danl., called S. in law by James Nicholson of Fairfield.

1710 x Keler, Saml., of Norwalk, witness will of Jonathan Stevenson

1710 Ketcheem, Joseph, of Norwalk, appr. to dist. part est. Rev. Mr. Hanford, Sr., 1710.

1713 Knap, Nathl. who was appt. admr. of est. Mary Knap, decd. is also decd. Mr. Benj. Fayerweather is appt. to finish admr. & also made admr. of est. of Nathaniel Knap.

1709 Kelloge, Danl. of Norwalk, Inv. of est. of Feby. 28, 1709, (Calloge) by John Bennedick, Sen., Zurubbabell Hait & John Raymond.
Eldest son Danl. abt. 10 yrs. old,) all living 1711
" John " 8 " ")
" Benj. " 5 " ") Aug. 19, 1709.
dau. Johannah near 3"
son Eliasaph abt. one week old.
Saml. Celloge)
Joseph Cellog) Brothers to decd. apt. admrs.

1709 Knap, Christophern of Fairfield, verbal will of Jany. 5, 1709.
Witness Capt. Saml. Squire & Mr. Thos. Jones,
prob./10 Capt. Saml. Squire & Mr. Hill appt. admrs.
Left all his prop. to the poor.

1710 Knap, Joshua, takes inv. est. Stephen Holmes, Greenwich.

1710 Knap, Timothy " " " " " "

1711 Knap, Joseph, takes inv. est. Mr. James Fountain of Greenwich.

1711 Knap, Mary, of Stratford, will of, by word of mouth, before Isaac Hall, Jr. & Jane Hall, his wife, who swore

1715 Knap, Caleb, takes inv. est. Joseph Finch of Greenwich.

1715 Knapp, Timothy, takes inv. of est. Jonathan Whelpley of G.

1715 Knapp, Timothy, takes inv. est. Joseph Mead of Greenwich.

1715 Knap, Joseph, takes inv. est. Nathl. Coleman of Greenwich

1720 Knap, Timothy, to dist. est. Joseph Mead of Greenwich.

1716 X Keeler, Leut. Saml., appt. Guardian for Jabes & Lidiah
Canfield, children of Ebenezer Canfield of Norwalk.

1707 Jones, Cornelius, of Stanford, chooses Leut. John Barley
of Fairfield, as Guardian.

1707 Knap, Caleb, of Horsneck, appt. admr. est. Thos. Close.

1715 Knapp, Estate of Nathl.) of which Mr. Benj. Faeweather
& Mary)
was admr. he having resigned administratorship,
when Court appt. Charles Lane, Jr., to admr.

1718 Knap, Benj. late of Greenwich, being decd.
Widow Elizabeth with Insigne Caleb Knap appr. admrs.

1690 Exd. Lyon, Thos. sen. of Greenwich, will of, dated Sept. 16, 1689, probated and inv. filed Nov. 8,1690.
Widow Mary
John, son of decd. (the mill at Rhye
Thos. " " (the home lot by Byram River
Saml. " "
Joseph " " under age.
Mary, d. of "
Abigail dau. of"
Elizabeth " "
Sarah " "
Thos. Son of John, grandchild
Deborah, d. of decd.
Widow, sons John & Saml. Ex.
Thos. Brown of Rye &)
John Marshall Sr. of Greenwich) Overseers
Thos. Browne)
John Stoakham) Witness
Thos. Lyon,Sen. decd. Sepr. 7, 1690.
Inv. same date as decree.
Nov. 8, 1690, one of the above overseers is dead.
Book 1689-1701, p. 13.

1690 Lattin, Thos. legacy to in will of Henry Wakley of Stratford.

1691 Lockwood, Sargt. Joseph of Fairfield, appt. admr. of est. Ensign Ephrain Nicoles.

1694 Lewis, Benj. Selectman of Stratford, takes inv. est. Robt. Clarke.

Lewis, Wm. Selectman of Farmington, takes inv. of Paul Brinsmed est. there.

1691 Lockwood, Joseph, son in law to Robt. Beachem of Maxims Farms.
Robt. Grandchild of " "
Susan
John
Sarah

1691 Lockwood, Danl. takes inv. of est. of Robt. Beachem

1691 Lockwood, Gersham, called father by John Burwell of Greenwich.

should be father-in-law

1722/3 Thos. Lyon (Contd)
In Mch. 2, 1723/4, Mr. John Stone, atty. for
abv. admr. Thos. Lyon, informs Court that those
appt. by Court refuse to act & the Court appt.
Capt. Saml. Hait, Mr. John Bell & Saml. Blatchy.

1722/3 Lockwood, Messrs. Benj. & Gershom Lockwood, appt. by
Court to divide lands left by Thos. Lyon in 1690.

1691 Lockwood, Danl. of Fairfield, est. of, inv. taken May 30,
1691, by Robt. Rumsey, Saml. Drake & Eliphelet
Hill, filed Dec. 2, 1691. Book 1689-1701, p.55.
Widow Abigaile.
Son of decd. Danl. 23 yrs. old
Dau. " Abegaile, 17 yrs. old. Married Saml.
Roberson.
" " Mary, 10 yrs. old. Very sickly & weak.
Widow, sole admrx.

1691 Lane, Robt. called brother by John Picket.

1691 Lockwood, Danl. legacy to, by Saml. Drake.

1693 Lockwood, Joseph, son of a sister of Marke Sention,
Legacy to.

1693 Lockwood, Joseph, overseer & called brother by Abegaile
Lockwood, widow.

1693 Lane, Robt. appr. admr. est. Rebecka Picket.

1690 End. Lockwood, John of Norwalk est. of, inv. taken Mch.
2, 1690, by John Plat, sen., Saml. Smith & Marke
Sention. (Book 1689-1701, p. 105.) filed Nov.3,1691
Mary, prob. widow & her son
Danl. appt. admrs.

1693 Lockwood, Abegaile, widow of Fairfield, will of, dated
Jan. 29, 1691/2. Said decd. widow of Danl. Lockwood
probated and inv. filed Mch. 15, 1692. Book 1689-
1701, p.93.
Son Daniell
Dau. Abegaile, wife of Saml. Roberson.
" Mary, under age in 1702 wife of Nathan Morehouse
Son Danl., sole ex.
Brother Joseph Lockwood &) Overseers
" Mathew Sherwood

1693 Lockwood, Abegaile (Contd)
Witness) Sarah Gold
) Eliphelet Hill
Inv. taken Mch. 18, 1692/3

1693 Lockwood, Edman, of Stanford, decd. Jan. 31, 1692. Inv.
taken 28 Feby. 1692/3 by Jonnth. Bell Sen. &
Abraham Ambler, filed Mch. 15, 1693. Book 1689-1701,
p.95.
Widow
Son Joseph
" Daniell
" Edman
Dau. Mary
" Abegaile
Another daughter
Son Joseph Lockwood &)
Jonas Weed of Stanford) Appt. Admrs.
Jonas Weed refuses to act. Abraham Ambler,
Sen. appt.

1693 Lewis, Philip, takes inv. of est. of Benj. Gilbert of
Fairfield.

1694 Lumis, Hannah, large legacy to by Widow Mary Bancks, decd.

1694 Lane, Robt. takes inv. of est. Joseph Peat of Stratford

1694 Lewis, Benj. " " " " " "

1694 Locke, Sarah, sister of " " "

1694 Exd. Lockwood, Mercy, of Norwalk, est. of, inv. filed July
1-94 by Widow of Epraim Lockwood. (Book1689-1701,
p.125)
There was given to Epraim Lockwood, Jr. by his
father Epraim Lockwood, Sen. decd. certain
lands, but never enjoyed as Epraim, Jr. died
before coming of age. Said land appraised
by Andrew Messenger & Thos. Fitch.
Inv. est. John Lockwood of Norwalk, decd. by
James Olmsted, Saml. Smith.
Whereas the est. of Ephrim Lockwood (see preceding page)
& The Widow Mercy & Ephrim Lockwood, Jr. &
John Lockwood are all decd.

1694 Lockwood, Mercy (Contd)
Court orders the est. of said Ephrim, Sen.
to be divided bet. Daniell, Elephelet,
Joseph & James & Sarah Lockwood.
Danl. Lockwood appt. admr. for all abv. est.

1697 Lyon, John, takes inv. of est. John Brundege of Rye

1697 Lane, Heorge, of Rye, appt. to make distribution of est.
John Brundege of Rye.

(Book 1689 Exd. Lyon, Saml. est. of, goods from Boston left out of
1701, p. 142) inv.
" " Exd. Lyon, Joseph, est. of, decd. goods left out of inv.

1698 Exd. Lyon, Joseph, of Fairfield, est. of, inv. taken Mch.11,
1697/8 by Philip Lewis, John Edwards & John Thomson.
John Bagley, admr. of said est. Dec. 9, 1698
& distributed as follows:
Mary Bagley, relict of said Joseph Lyon
The Court desires Joseph Wakeman & Nathl.
Bur, Jr. to set out the children's part &
Saml. Lyon to receive est. & distribute it
to them at the age of 21 yrs. The remainder
of the est. to remain in said Bagley's
hand to pay his wife's portion & ye debts
according to order. (Book 1689-1701, p.147 &
The deceased Joseph Lyon had 2 sons. 195)

1690 Levensworth, John, witness agreement of John Hurd of
Woodby heirs.

1718 Lyon, Joseph, acknowleges full recpt. from his uncle
Saml. Lyon.
" David, acknowleges full recpt. from his uncle
Saml. Lyon.
Witness) Joseph Wakeman
) Thos. Nash.

1699 Lockwood, Mr. Joseph, of Fairfield, pays Rich. Edwards
of Hartford, atty. for John Plasted, £52-6.

1698 Exd. Lyon, Moses of Fairfield, est. of, inv. taken Mch. 2, 1697/8 by John Bulckley & John Edwards, filed Mch.21, 1697, Book 1689-1701, p. 151 & 211.
Add to inv. the widow's dowery & adm'r his est. £7. Distribution Apr. 11, 1697.
Widow Mary
Brother Richard Lyon
" Saml. "
" Wm. "
Brother-in-law Joshua Jennings, their wives being sister to decd.
" " Wm. Roberson " " " "
" " Saml. Smith " " " "
Sister Ester Grumman.
John Edwards, admr. & 1699 Court orders Nathl. Burr, Jr. to assist.

1698 Exd. Lockwood, Danl. Jr. son of Abigail Lockwood who d. 1692/3, see ante, of Fairfield, est. of, inv. Mch. 11, 1698 by John Thompson, Philip Lewis & John Edwards. The decd. had land at Mill Plains, at Mill Hill, land by Saml. Sherwood, land at Sasco Hill, at Wards Island, at Sasco Neck, in Lockwood Swamp, at Compo & at Olde Pequanacke.
Widow Abegaile
2 daughters, aged 4 & 2, named Abegaile & Mary.
The widow & her brother Danl. Bur to admr.
(Book 1689-1701, p. 157.)

1698 Lyon, Mary, evidently formerly widow of Saml. Adams.

1695 Exd. Leeds, John, of Stanford, est. of, inv. taken Feby. 3, 1695, by Saml. Hoit & David Waterbury & Elisha Holly. (Book 1689-1701, p.186)
Widow
The widow to administrate.

1700 Lyon, Joseph, Settlement of est. of.
Saml. Lyon, who was appt. to husband the est. of the children of the decd. Joseph makes an agreement with John Bayley, step-father to said children, he, the said Bayley to take the lands until the children, viz. Joseph & David Lyon, come of age, & to keep the youngest son of said Lyon until he is 7. Agreement dated Nov.13,1700.

1699 Lockwood, Robt. Selectman, of Greenwich, inv. est. John Mead, Jr.

1699 Lockwood, Robt. takes inv. est. John Banks of Greenwich.

1700 Lockwood, Danl. Jr. settlement of est. of.
Widow Abegail makes report to Court June 26,1700 is allowed £32 for bringing up of 2 children aged 6 and 4, both daughters.
Mary Lockwood, d. of Danl. Lockwood, Sr. to rec. 156-3-10.
Mr. Elnathan Hanford who being to marry the said Abegaile, widow of said decd. Danl. Jr. to admr.
The widow of Danl. Lockwood, Sen. and her son Danl. Jr. being admrs. of est. of Danl. Lockwood, Sen. in 1691, and both being decd., the Court orders Abegaile, the widow of Danl. Jr. to pay aforesaid legacy to his sister Mary.
Book 1689-1701, p.208.

1702 Lockwood, Danl. Jr. est. Owing to death of Elnathan Hanford the Court appt. Mr. Peter Burr & John Barlow to husband the est. for Abegaile & Mary the 2 daughters of said decd. Danl. Jr.
Said Peter Burr and John Barlow receive est. from Saml. Wilson, ex. of est. of Elnathan Hanford who married Abegaile, the widow of said Danl. Jr. and pay Mary wife of Nathan Morehouse, formerly Mary Lockwood, the legacy left by her father Danl. Lockwood, Sen.

1707 Nov.16, Abegaile Lockwood, d. of Danl. Lockwood, Jr. makes choice of Mr. Nathl. Sherman of Stratford, as guardian, and also appointed guardian Mary, dau. see Daniel Lockwood, Jr.
p.208.

1696 Lord, Robert. The admrs. of Elephelet had great difficulty in obtaining addl. inv. of said Elephelet est. from the hands of Loben Lord & Ester. Said Ester prob. the wife of Loben Lord and widow of Elephelet Hill & formerly widow of Ensign Ephran Nicols.

1695 Lyon, Joseph, of Fairfield, husband of Mary Jackson, the d. of Joseph Jackson, late of Fairfield, decd. acknowledges the receipt of his wife's legacy from his father-in-law Joseph Seely who married the admx. of said Jackson est.
Witness : Elephelet Hill, Ester Hill
The above is Joseph Lyon.

1712 Lockwood, Danl. of Norwalk. Inv. of est. of, Dec. 30, 1712, by John Raymond, Joseph Lockwood & James Lockwood.

Children, 5 daughters.

Sarah	12 years old last April
Phebe	11 " " 1st of last Nov.
Deborah	8 " " last July.
Rebeckah	4 " " " "
Ann	

Joseph Lockwood & James Lockwood sware to inv. & appt. admrs.
Capt. John Raymond & Saml. Betts to dist.

1715 Lockwood, Joseph, takes inv. est. Saml. Marshale of Greenwich.

1714 Lweiss, Edmon, dist. est. Mr. Joseph Fairchild of Stratford

1714 Lockwood, Mary, called d. by Widow Mary Firman.

1714 Lane, Lidea, called Granddaughter by Dr. Isaac Hall.

1715 Lockwood, Robt. witness agreement of heirs of Joseph Finch of Gren.

1715 Larance, Phebe, swares to inv. of her decd. husband,Saml. Jackson's est. of Stratford.

1715 Lewiss, Edmon, takes inv. & dist. est. of George Johnson of Stratford.

1715 Levinsworth, Thos. appt. admr. of est. of George Johnson of Stratford.

1715 Lockwood, Robt. of Fairfield, inv. est. June 14, 1715, by Jonathan Squire, Sen., Edward Jessup and Thos. Nash.
Widow Mary & Sargt. Joseph Lockwood to admr.
Jedidiah Canfield gives bond for Widow Mary as admx.
The decd. had land next Edward Jessup - also land next John Lockwood.

Children :
Danl.)
Abigaill)
Joseph)
Gershom) being of non-age.
Jehill)

Burr, born at Redding August 29, 1830, and who, on September 3, 1848, married William Burr Wright, then of New Milford, Conn.; in 1862, Mr. Wright, having acquired a competence, retired from business, and with his wife removed to Westport, which place continued to be their residence until their death; they had but two children, a son, William B., who died at seventeen while traveling in the West, and a daughter, Elizabeth, who is married to Eli C. Smith, Esq., of Bridgeport, Conn., and has several sons and daughters; Mr. Wright passed away in 1883, and Mrs. Wright died suddenly at Westport August 2, 1890. David married Eunice Worden, and had children as follows: Elizabeth, Elmer and Worden. Eloisa married John Hull, of Easton, and had children as follows: Jeanette and Irving. Ebenezer married (first) Eliza Nichols, and (second) Eunice Gould; his children were James and Harriet. Edwin married Lucinda Thorpe, and had one son, Andrew. John married Malvina Smith, and had the following children: Horace, Burritt, Esther and William.

7. John Wheeler has been quite prominent in public affairs, having several times represented his town in the Legislature of the State; his son Horace is a merchant in Birmingham, Conn., and has served creditably as deputy sheriff and in other offices; his daughter Esther married Frank Sherwood, who was for many years postmaster at Southport, Conn.; Lydia married William Sanford, of Weston, and her children are Mason, Emma and Frederick. Samuel Wheeler was a strong Episcopalian. His portly form on a big grey steed riding up to the Episcopal Church in Weston, with a favorite granddaughter on a pillion behind, was a familiar sight for years.

MAJOR GILBERT L. FITCH, a resident of Stamford, has been connected for a number of years with business enterprises in New York City, and at present he has charge of the interests of the New York Life Insurance Company in the State of Connecticut, his offices being located at No. 769 Chapel street, New Haven. Although a young man, his tact, judgment and rare executive ability have already been recognized, and he doubtless has a bright future before him. As a citizen he is held in high esteem, and in military circles he is both active and influential.

Mr. Fitch comes of old Connecticut stock. His grandfather, Francis B. Fitch, was a native of this State, and for some years was engaged in educational work there; but later he entered politics, and held various important positions under the general government. He died in 1872, and his wife, Eliza W. (Dean), a native of Albany, N. Y., died in 1838.

Francis Stewart Fitch, our subject's father, was born in New Jersey in 1826, and married (first) Miss Sarah Faulkner, and (second) Miss Esther L. Oliver, both residents of Buffalo, N. Y. By his first marriage he had three children: Francis S., Benjamin L., and Caroline, now Mrs. W. T. Andrews. By the second marriage he had five children: Sarah E. F. (now Mrs. J. C. Johnston), William H., Gilbert L., Esther and Charlotte D. For many years he carried on an extensive mercantile business, and at present he is living in retirement at Darien, this county.

Major Fitch was born December 3, 1869, at Corfu, N. Y., and the first seven years of his life were spent at Buffalo, but his education was mainly acquired at Noroton, Conn., in a private school. At the age of fifteen he went to New York City to learn the machinist's trade, but finding the occupation uncongenial he secured a position in a wholesale paper warehouse, afterward engaging in the drug business. Later he became connected with the New York Life Insurance Company, remaining three years, and then for a time he was engaged in the dry-goods business at Hoosick Falls, N. Y., with a brother. In February, 1890, he returned to the New York Life Insurance Company, with which he has ever since been connected. In May, 1897, he was appointed agency director for the State of Connecticut, taking charge of all their agents here, and this position he has filled to the entire satisfaction of the company.

On October 1, 1896, Mr. Fitch was married to Miss Carrie O. Wood, a daughter of William E. Wood, a citizen of Stamford. The Major has been identified with Puritan Lodge No. 43, I. O. O. F., at Stamford since June, 1896, and his military service dates back to November 19, 1888, when he enlisted in Company C, 4th Connecticut National Guards, as a private. On August 3, 1891, he was promoted to the rank of corporal, and later he received rapid advancement, being appointed to second lieutenant on August 24, 1891; to first lieutenant on November 18, 1892, and to captain on July 19, 1893. On December 17, 1894, he resigned, but on January 9, 1896, he was elected captain of the company, and on January 18, 1897, he was promoted to the rank of major of the 2nd Battalion, of the 4th Regiment. Mustered major 3d Regiment Conn. Volunteer Infantry July 3, 1898; honorably discharged September 19, 1898.

publishers, of Chicago, Ill. He was manager of the work in the field of their operations. He possessed tact, business ability and energy, and no doubt, had he lived, there awaited him a promising future. He was held in high esteem and regard by his associates. He died, after an illness of one week, at Brookville, Ind., on June 22, 1882. The press, at the time of his decease, spoke highly of his life, adding that he was one of the most promising young men that had ever left Newtown. On December 30, 1879, Mr. Beers was married to Caroline R., daughter of D. C. and Olive F. (Perkins) Gately, of Newtown, Conn., and their children are: William Hermon, Jr., born May 26, 1881, in Greensburg, Ind.; and Eloise Gately, born November 5, 1882, in Newtown, Connecticut.

JACOB BEERS, who died June 23, 1858, at his home several miles south of Newtown Center, was one of the prominent men of his time in the town.

Mr. Beers was born September 25, 1781, the son of John and Sarah (Sterling) Beers, and followed farming as an occupation throughout his life. In politics he was a Democrat, and he figured conspicuously in public affairs, serving in the State Legislature either as representative or senator almost continuously from 1818 to 1832, and was also senator in 1850. In 1849 he was Probate judge, and he frequently acted as administrator in the settlement of the estates of deceased persons, while for many years he was justice of the peace when that office was esteemed more honorable and responsible than now. In religious work he was prominent as a member of the Episcopal Church. On December 28, 1803, he married Laura Toucey, who was born April 20, 1787, and died January 30, 1855.

Jeremiah Beers, a brother of Jacob Beers, was born July 26, 1779, and died June 28, 1840. He was a tanner and currier in his early life, later a farmer, residing south of Newtown Center. He was a good, reliable citizen, highly esteemed by his many acquaintances. He was twice married, (first) in 1803 to Polly Peck, by whom he had five daughters: (1) Marcia, born in 1804, married Levi Peck, February 8, 1825, and had one daughter—Cornelia. (2) Delia, born in 1806, married Henry L. Randall, October 4, 1825, and had five children—Helen, Charles, Henry, Ophelia and Celia. (3) Anna, born January 19, 1815, married Araunah Fairchild, December 28, 1851, and died July 19, 1896, leaving no children. (4) Julia, born in 1816, married Elias Beers, December 28, 1836, and had three children—Cornelia, who died in young womanhood; and Edgar and Mary Frances, who died young. (5) Polly, born in 1821, married John Purdy, June 22, 1848, and had two daughters—Mary and Helen. On December 12, 1821, Jeremiah Beers married (second) Flora Sherwood, who bore him two sons: (1) John S., born in 1828, did not marry; and (2) Julius S., born in 1831, married Clarissa Grey, and had a family of children.

ARAUNAH FAIRCHILD (deceased), who was one of the olden-time New England farmers, living a plain and industrious life in Taunton District, town of Newtown, was born in 1805, and died March 23, 1863, aged fifty-eight years. He was twice married, first to Esther Eggleston, who died February 21, 1851, aged fifty-eight; and second to Anna Beers, who was born January 19, 1815, a daughter of Jeremiah Beers, and died July 19, 1896. There were no children by either marriage.

EDMOND FAMILY. Robert Edmond, whose father was a native of Scotland, was born in Londonderry, Ireland. He married Mary Marks, in Londonderry, and emigrated to this country in 1754, landing at Philadelphia December 23, that year, where he remained about two years. From thence he went to New York, soon after which he removed to Southbury, Conn., and settled in the district of South Purchase, where he resided several years. He then removed to Ridgefield, Conn., and died at the advanced age of ninety-three. His children were: John, William, George, Martha, Margaret, Esther, Mary, Ann, Robert S. and Cyrus.

Judge William Edmond, second son of Robert, married (first), November 30, 1784, Elizabeth J. Chandler, daughter of Col. John and Mary Chandler. She died February 17, 1795, and February 14, 1796, he married (second) Elizabeth, daughter of Benjamin Payne, of Hartford. His children were: Mary E., born in 1785; Elizabeth P., in 1798; Sarah, June 24, 1800 (married Dr. Cyrenius H. Booth, October, 1820); William P., in 1802; Ann, in 1804; and Robert, in 1805.

Judge William Edmond was born September 28, 1755, in Woodbury, Conn. He was graduated from Yale College in 1777. He took part in an engagement with the British in Ridgefield, and was severely wounded in the leg, April 27, 1777. In May, 1782, he established himself in Newtown in the practice of the law, and there resided until his death, which occurred August 1,

1838, in the eighty-third year of his age. He enjoyed an extensive and lucrative practice. He belonged to the old Federal party, and in 1797 was elected a member of Congress, serving four years. Subsequently he was repeatedly a member of the council, which then acted as a court of errors, until 1805, when he was appointed a judge of the superior court. This office he retained until the change in politics in 1819. He was a remarkable man—plain and unassuming in his manners, mild and amiable in his deportment, just and honest in his dealings, and honorable and magnanimous in his feelings. He was constant in his attendance on divine service in the Congregational Church.

JOHN C. BOOTH, who died at Waterbury in August, 1886, was one of that city's richest men.

Born in Newtown, Fairfield county, June 13, 1808, he was the son of Philo Booth, who lived on Mile Hill. John C. Booth taught school in his early life, and was clerk in a store in Fairfield county, then branched out as a traveling man, first from Meriden, then from Waterbury, where Benedict & Burnham, Holmes, Booth & Hayden, Plum & Atwood, and other enterprises, felt the impetus of his business sagacity and push. For more than fifty years he was identified with the business interests of Waterbury. He was always recognized as a man sagacious in business, clear-headed in all monetary transactions, and of unimpeachable purity of character. He was a quiet builder up of Waterbury's industries. He amassed a great fortune. Mr. Booth left surviving him a widow, formerly Miss Eunice Tucker, and one daughter.

JOSIAH BOOTH, who died March 7, 1890, was a son of Joseph Booth, and a direct descendant of Richard Booth, the lines of descent being through Jonathan, Daniel, Daniel (2), and Joseph.

Our subject was born in 1812, and throughout his long life resided in the house at the "Island" in Newtown, in which he was born. On October 2, 1855, he was married to Mrs. Sarah Briggs (*née* Morehouse), who died May 10, 1885, aged sixty-six years. Mr. Booth was a lifelong member and earnest supporter of Trinity Episcopal Church. He was noted for his shrewd insight, his sterling uprightness and sincerity. Mrs. Booth was a leader in mission and charitable work in Trinity Episcopal Church, and in the community at large.

BELDEN. The Belden family of Newtown was one of the early New England families, as well as one of the prominent ones. The name is found among the patriots of the war of the Revolution, and from early Colonial times to the present it is known to the professions and associated with the political parties of the day. From Hinman's "First Puritan Settlers of Connecticut" we glean the following:

"Tradition says that two brothers by the name of Belden were among the first settlers of the Colony of Connecticut, and that they made their first location at Wethersfield, but that one of them (William) after awhile, on the settlement of Norwalk, removed thither, and that appears nearly certain by the records of the town of Wethersfield; for as early as February 7, 1641, and among the earliest grants, Richard had eight distinct tracts of land allotted to him by the town, and little or no mention is made of William, save that he had three sons: Samuel, Daniel and John, born to him by his first wife Tomisin, in 1647, 1648, and 1650, and no trace of him is found afterward.

"Samuel Belden, a son of Richard, had a daughter, Mary, and two sons, Samuel and Stephen, born to him by his wife, Mary, July 10, 1653, April 6, 1657, and December 28, 1658. John Belden, Jr., son of John (1), married Lydia —— in 1677. Ezra Belden, fifth son of John, Jr., married, in 1722, Elizabeth, daughter of Deacon Jonathan Belden, and had children: Ezra, born in 1722; Aaron, born in 1725; and Aaron (2) born in 1731; and three daughters, Elizabeth, Lois, and Eunice. From this family descended all the Beldens in Rock Hill.

"Lieutenant Belden, Esq., and Deacon Jonathan, second son of John (1), was born June 21, 1660, married Mary, daughter of Thomas Wright, in 1685, and had issue: one son Silas, born in 1691, married Abigail, daughter of Capt. Jno. Robbins, in 1716, and had one son Silas, born in 1717. Silas, the father, moved from Wethersfield to Canaan in 1741, where he purchased large tracts of land, but returned to Wethersfield in the autumn of 1741 to settle up his affairs, and there took sick and died. Silas, Jr., the eldest son, settled on a farm in Canaan. Joseph, third son of John (1), was born in 1663, and in 1693 married Mary ———. Thomas, second son of Joseph, born in 1700, married Mary, daughter of Rev. Stephen Mix. Thomas, Jr., eldest son of Thomas, born in 1732, married Abigail, daughter of Ezekiel Porter. Ezekiel P., eldest son of Thomas, Jr., graduated at Yale College in 1775, entered the war of the Revolution as a lieutenant of light horse in Sheldon's regi-

married to Betsey A. Glover, a daughter of Silas Glover, and granddaughter of Capt. Solomon Glover. To the marriage have come two children: Julia M.; and Robert Morris (a civil engineer), who died in 1873, aged twenty-two years.

MARTIN K. OSBORN, whose death occurred on April 10, 1878, was one of the substantial citizens of Fairfield county. Born in 1818 in Brookfield, Mr. Osborn was a son of Ezra and Rachel (Kellogg) Osborn, whose other children were: Henry B., Ezra B., and Orrin H.

Martin K. Osborn married, January 15, 1840, Lois Vail, a daughter of Oliver Vail, of Stony Hill District, Bethel, and their children were: (1) Mary E., born December 19, 1842, died April 11, 1888; she married Lemuel Beach Clark, a sketch of whom follows. (2) Charles B., born November 8, 1840, was killed in battle at Sharpsburg, Md., September 19, 1862. The mother of these survives. The father was a farmer, and resided in Stony Hill District, of the town of Bethel; he dealt largely in cattle, and was an active, energetic man of affairs; in his political views, he was a Republican.

LEMUEL BEACH CLARK, mentioned above, is a son of Zachariah Clark, who was born August 27, 1808, and was married, May 4, 1831, to Sarah Ann Camp, who was born February 14, 1811, a daughter of Lemuel and Sarah Camp. Three children came of this union: Lemuel B. (1), born September 27, 1832, died July 14, 1834; Lemuel B. (2), born May 7, 1837; and Sherman Beers, born September 11, 1845, died March 10, 1887. The mother of these died June 23, 1854, and the father on December 24, 1854, wedded, for his second wife, Sarah Ann Gregory. He died February 27, 1875, his widow in November, 1890.

Lemuel B. Clark married, March 23, 1864, Mary E. Osborn, and two children were born to them, as follows: Jennie E., March 22, 1865; and Fred Beers, January 23, 1868. The last named was married, August 29, 1894, to Nellie Tompson, and two children were born to them: Bertha E. and Fred B., both living. The father was called from earth November 9, 1896.

HON. WILLIAM N. NORTHROP, who has long been a man of prominence, and a leading citizen of Newtown, Fairfield county, is a son of Walter Northrop, whose family history is set forth in the sketch of the Northrop family.

William N. Northrop was born July 15, 1829, and received his education in the schools of his home district, Head of Meadow, Newtown. He also attended the select school of Harry Peck, in Taunton District, having as schoolmates John M. Toucey, Robert T. and Sylvester Clarke, and Judge Charles A. Briscoe. He left school when about seventeen, and began keeping books in a store at Saugatuck. In 1855 he went on his father's farm, and soon afterward bought fifty acres of the place on which he now lives, to which he has since gradually added until he has now an excellent farm of upward of two hundred acres, and he has given his attention exclusively to the fattening of fine cattle. Mr. Northrop is a self-made man, and can take pride in the success he has attained. He has ever been an ardent Democrat, of the Jacksonian type, has taken quite an active interest in politics and public affairs, and it is safe to say that he is to-day, and has been for thirty years past, the foremost and most influential Democrat in Newtown. His ability in public lines has been recognized by his fellow-citizens, who have at various times placed him in official positions of honor and trust, and he has as often satisfactorily and ably filled the same. He has served the town as constable, assessor, justice of the peace, and in other minor offices. In 1875 he was elected first selectman, and for eight years he was annually chosen to the same office. In 1881 he was nominated and elected State senator for the Fifteenth District, and ably represented his constituents in that body for two years, serving, the first year, as chairman of the committee on Capitol Buildings, Furniture and Grounds. During the second year he was chairman of the committee on Roads and Bridges. Since 1883 Mr. Northrop has been town auditor. He is one of the directors of the Newtown Savings Bank, and a stockholder and director in the Newtown Agricultural Society.

On May 15, 1855, Mr. Northrop was married to Julia, daughter of Henry and Eveline Lamberton, of Westport, Conn. The marriage has been blessed with children as follows: Eliza, Charles Henry, John James, and Mary Hattie.

CHAMBERS. Thomas Chambers, the first of the name to settle in Newtown, removed from the State of New York about 1736, settling at the head of Newtown Street. He had twelve children, whose names, with dates of birth, are as follows: Mary, May 14, 1743; Asa, November 3, 1744; Abigail, March 12, 1746; Jesse, Dec. 1, 1747; Nathan, Aug. 20, 1750; Charles (or James), July 10, 1752; Thomas, July 7, 1754; Ann, April 29, 1756; Jemimah, December 31, 1757; Elladah,

March 22, 1760; Amerillis, May 10, 1762; and Joseph, August 16, 1764. The elder children had grown to manhood and womanhood in the stirring times of the Revolution, and three of them died during the war—Jesse and Nathan in the British army, and James in the American service. Mary, the eldest child, married Dr. William Warner, and went to Waterbury. Hermon Warner, one of her sons, was for a long time deputy sheriff of Fairfield county, and proved a first-class officer. His son, Judge Charles C. Warner, was sacred to Newtown. Jemimah, the fourth daughter of Thomas Chambers, became the second wife of Dr. Benjamin Warner, who lived in New Milford, in what is now Bridgewater; and Joseph, the youngest son, located in Newtown, afterward removing to Redding. Elladah died there, but Joseph went on to central New York, the then "western wilderness."

Asa Chambers, father of the late Thomas O. Chambers, of Newtown, built the house in Zoar where Thomas O. lived, and died there when nearly ninety years of age. Asa Chambers married a Miss Adams, by whom he had three daughters—Chloe, Lucy and Polly. Lucy married a Mr. Gray, went to Vermont, and then to Salem, Washington Co., N. Y. Her son, Alonzo Gray, married a daughter of Joseph Hawley, who went there from Bridgeport, and his widow, a much-respected lady, is now living in Salem. Mrs. Chambers died of smallpox, and after remaining a widower three years Asa Chambers married, in 1793, Mrs. Elizabeth Clifford, a widow, whose maiden name was Osborn, her home being in Oxford, where she remained until after her first marriage, then removed to Stratfield (now Bridgeport), when there were but two houses in the place. The Cliffords had three children—Hannah, Daniel and Leverit. Hannah married Captain Allen, an old sea captain of sailing vessels, and had three sons who became shipmasters.

The late Thomas O. Chambers was born September 5, 1795, and died July 23, 1883, both events occurring in the old house at Zoar. He was the only child born to Doctor Asa and Elizabeth (Clifford) Chambers. He was educated in Zoar District school, also in Naugatuck (then Waterbury), and when about seventeen years old commenced teaching school. For eight or nine years he taught in Monroe, then in Southbury, in Lake George District two seasons, in Oxford, and was teaching in Zoar District when, on Thanksgiving Day, December 2, 1819, he married Sarah Curtis, who was born March 7, 1802. Her father lived where Charles Curtis has his home.

In 1833 Mr. Chambers went trafficking in the the South, and for some fifteen years he followed that business seven months in the year, going south in the fall of each year, and dealing in carriages, wagons, etc. He had yards and sheds in Newbern, N. C. His second son, Doctor Cornelius, a bright young man, died there. Thomas O. Chambers' modest ambition, however, was to be a farmer. He served in the Legislature in 1848 or '49. The children born to Thomas O. Chambers were as follows: Henry R., born November 3, 1820; (Doctor) Cornelius, September 2, 1822; Jane Elizabeth, February 6, 1825; and Frederick, August 27, 1833. Of these,

Henry R. Chambers went to Waterbury about the time his father went south. He was bound out for five years in the woolen-mill of De Forest & Co., but after the completion of his apprenticeship the building was burned, and he then, still quite a young man, worked at daguerreotyping seven years. He went into partnership with Doctor Blake, and has since so remained. On December 25, 1852, he was married to Emeline Munson. Their son, Cornelius Clifford, is now in the office of the firm of Chambers & Blake. Jane E. was married, September 7, 1850, to Eli J. Morris, of Newtown. Frederick is a resident of Zoar District, town of Newtown. Besides learning surveying, he taught school for seven years during his younger manhood. On October 23, 1862, he married Miss Betsie M. Burritt, daughter of Fairchild Burritt, a large Roxbury farmer, and their children are: Susie Sturges, born April 30, 1864; Jennie Morris, July 18, 1868; Sarah Burritt, December 15, 1869; and Elizabeth Burritt, January 6, 1876.

DAVID H. JOHNSON, who died in Newtown February 24, 1874, aged fifty-nine years, was a son of John and Clarissa (Peck) Johnson, who died March 8, 1845, aged sixty-three, and August 29, 1845, aged sixty-two, respectively.

Our subject was for many years a merchant in Newtown village, and the local press, at the time of his death, remarked, in substance: "In his death Newtown loses one of its best citizens, one who possessed the noble traits of manhood, as his acts and dealings with his fellow-men have fully shown. Mr. Johnson lived a little past the prime of life, and during most of this time was engaged in active business, and by all who knew him was considered an honorable, upright, and, to young business men, a model, merchant. In politics, he was always identified with the Democratic party. At different times he held positions of honor and trust. Among these it

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS

NAME	M over 16	M under 16	Females		PLACE OR AREA
Col. Jabez Fitch	1	1	5		1 slave Greenwich
Thomas Fitch, Esquire	6		3	2	2 s Norwalk/ St.
Timothy Fitch	2	2	5		Norwalk/Stamford
Haynes Fitch	3	6	3		Norwalk/Stamford
Rebecca Fitch, widow		1	2		Norwalk/Stamford
James Fitch	2	1	2		Norwalk/Stamford
James Fitch, Jr.	1	1	2		Norwalk/Stamford
John Fitch	3	2	8		Norwalk/Stamford
Theophilus Fitch	1	3	4		Norwalk/Stamford
Bushnel Fitch	1		1		Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Fitch	1	3	2		Norwalk/Stamford
Abijah Fitch	2		3		Norwalk/Stamford
Joseph Fitch	1	2	2		Norwalk/Stamford
Seymore Fitch	1	2	3		Norwalk/Stamford
Joseph P. Fitch	1	1	1		Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Fitch, Jr.	1	2	2		Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Fitch	2		4		Norwalk/Stamford
Elijah Fitch	2	1	3		Norwalk/Stamford
William Fitch	2	3	1		Norwalk/Stamford
William Fitch	2	2	4		Norwalk/Stamford
Areal Fitch	2		5	1	Readingtown
Cuff Fitch				9	Weston Town

John Fitch	1	3	4		Harwintontown in Litchfield County

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS BROWN

Samuel Brown	Brookfield Town
Samuel Brown	Fairfield Town
Sherman Brown	Greenwich Town
Josiah Brown	Greenwich Town
Levi Brown	Greenwich Town
David Brown	Greenwich Town
Nehamiah Borwn	Greenwich Town
Major Brown	Greenwich Town
Roger Brown	Greenwich Town
Laurence Brown	Greenwich Town
James Brown	Greenwich Town
Peter Brown	Greenwich Town
Elisha Brown	Huntington Town
Charles Brown	New Fairfield Town
Nathan Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Jonathan Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Enos Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Joseph Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Rebecca Brown 2nd, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Mercy Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Abigail Brown, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Jonathan Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Francis Brown	Norwalk/Stamford
Rebecca Brown, widow	Norwalk/Stamford

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS OTHER INTERESTING NAMES

BROOKFIELD TOWN

Martin Warner
Solomon Warner
Rugles Warner

DANBURY TOWN

Nathaniel Finch
Ezra Brunson
Thomas TUCKER
Mercy Comstock
Moris S. Sturges
Amos Brunson
Peluk Finch
Ebenezer Silliman
Nathan Whitney
Joseph Sturges
Jacob Finch
Luke Roberts

FAIRFIELD TOWN

David Oysterbanks
Andrew Sturges
Giddeon Hurlbutt
Hezekiah Ogden
Stephen Gould
Jesse Gould
Luther Gould
Dimon Sturges
Hezekiah Sturges, Jr.
Seth Sturges
Barlow Sturges
David Ogden
Bethuel Ogden
Ebenezer Silliman
Isaac Oysterbanks
John Ogden
Ebenezer Ogden
David Oysterbanks, Jr.
Dimon Gould
David Gould
Solomon Sturges
Eward Sturges
Benjamin Sturges
Abigail Sturges
Talcott Gould
Sturges Ogden
Job Silliman
Seth Silliman
Joshua Oysterbanks
John Chapman
Samuel Ogden
Richard King
Echobed Gould
Nathan Gould
Ebenezer Sturges
Abigail Sturges
Jonathan Sturges
William Silliman
Isaac Gould
Jean Ogden
Gould Silliman
Samuel Silliman

GREENWICH TOWN

John Ritch
Mary Ritch, widow
Coles Townsend
Jonathan Finch
William N. Finch
Isaac Finch
Lemuel Ritch
Thomas Ritch
John CORNWALL
William Finch
Timothy Finch, Jr.
Jonathan Finch, Jr.
Bazaleel Brown
James Ritch
Nathaniel Finch
Timothy Finch
Ezekiel Finch

HUNTINGTON TOWN

Ebenezer BUNDY
Jonathan Fanton
Data Silliman
Benajah Mallery
William SCOTT

NEW FAIRFIELD TOWN

Daniel BUCK
Abner BUCK

NEWTOWN TOWN

Fitch Kimble

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS OTHER INTERESTING NAMES

NORWALK/STAMFORD

Polly Mallory, widow
Ruth Finch
John Grumman
Nehemiah Grumman
Asa Cole
Jonathan Cole
John SCOTT
William Bolt 3-1-4
Samuel Grumman, Jr.
Seth Finch
John Finch 2- - 4
Elias Sturges
James Phillio 1-1-5
Daniel Sturges
Titus Finch

Capt. Nathaniel Mallory
John Phillo
Jeremiah Grumman
Isaac Grumman
Matthew Marvin
William SCOTT, Jr.
Aaron SCOTT
Jesse Brown
Dan Finch
William Finch
Rachel Couch, widow
Luke Guyer
Benjamin Phillio
Ezekiel Finch
Isaac TUCKER

Thomas Grumman
Isaac Phillo
Ezra Grumman
Jesse Ogden
Thomas Cole
William SCOTT
Aquilla Sturges
Samuel C. Silliman
Jedediah Brown
David Couch
Eliphalet Sturges
Ichabod Finch
John Finch, Jr.
Hannah Finch, wid.
Nathan Boutain 1-1-2

READING TOWN

Simon Couch
Nathaniel Bartlett
Ebenezer Sturges

Stephen Couch
Elijah Couch
Perry Sturges

John Couch
John Couch
John Perry

STRATFORD TOWN

Lewis Sturges

WESTON TOWN

James Silliman
Jabez Sturges

Jonathan Fanton
Joseph Ogden

Ezekiel Sturges
James Sturges

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS SHERWOOD

Daniel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Moses Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Daniel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Asahel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
David Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Noah Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Jehiel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Squire Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Joseph Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Elihue Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Gershom Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Samuel Sherwood 1st	Fairfield Town
Albert Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Ralph Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Increase Sherwood	Fairfield Town
John Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Eliphilet Sherwood	Fairfield Town
John Sherwood, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Sarah Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Abel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Daniel Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Zalmon Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Benjamin Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Seth Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Samuel Sherwood 2nd	Fairfield Town
Zachariah Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Reubin Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Sarah Sherwood	Fairfield Town
Benjamin Sherwood, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Nathan Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Daniel Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Jabez Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Nehemiah Sherwood, Jr.	Greenwich Town
Gilbert Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Oliver Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Elnathan Sherwood	Greenwich Town
James Sherwood	Greenwich Town
Ephriam Sherwood	Huntington Town
Nathan Sherwood	New Fairfield Town
Ebenezer Sherwood	New Fairfield Town
Abel Sherwood	New Fairfield Town
Justin Sherwood	Newtown Town
Eben Sherwood	Newtown Town
Daniel Sherwood	Newtown Town
Matthew Sherwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Sherwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Sherwood	Reading Town
John Sherwood	Reading Town
Ebenezer Sherwood	Reading Town
David Sherwood	Stratford Town
Stephen Sherwood	Stratford Town
Samuel Sherwood	Stratford Town

John Sherwood	Weston Town
Amos Sherwood	Weston Town
Fanton Sherwood	Weston Town
Matthew Sherwood	Weston Town
Thomas Sherwood	Weston Town
Daniel Sherwood	Weston Town
Thomas Sherwood	Weston Town
Joseph Sherwood	Weston Town
Levet Sherwood	Weston Town
Jabez Sherwood	Weston Town
Seymour Sherwood	Weston Town
Samuel B. Sherwood	Weston Town

Andrew Taylor	Brookfield Town
Major Taylor	Danbury Town
Theofelus Taylor	Danbury Town
John Taylor	Danbury Town
Jonathan Taylor	Danbury Town
Zalmon Taylor	Danbury Town
Elezer Taylor	Danbury Town
Joseph Taylor	Danbury Town
Gilead Taylor	Danbury Town
Lemwell Taylor	Danbury Town
Eliakam Taylor	Danbury Town
Thomas Taylor	Danbury Town
Samuel Taylor	Danbury Town
Eli Taylor	Danbury Town
Thomas Taylor	Danbury Town
Noah Taylor	Danbury Town
John Taylor, Jr.	Danbury Town
Silas Taylor	Danbury Town
Eliad Taylor	Danbury Town
Phineus Taylor	Danbury Town
Nathan Taylor	Danbury Town
Timothy Taylor	Danbury Town
Joshua Taylor	Danbury Town
Jabes Taylor, Jr.	Danbury Town
Ebenezer Taylor	Danbury Town
Samuel Taylor	Fairfield Town
Anne Taylor	Fairfield Town
Zebediah Taylor	Greenwich Town
Benjamin Taylor	New Fairfield Town
Theofelus Taylor	New Fairfield Town
Ebenezer Taylor	Newtown Town
Stephen Taylor	Newtown Town
Nicholas Taylor	Newtown Town
Phineus Taylor	Newtown Town
Phineus Taylor, Jr.	Newtown Town
Paul Taylor	Norwalk/Stamford
Marthy Taylor, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Abijah Taylor	Norwalk/Stamford
Levi Taylor	Norwalk/Stamford
Camaliel Taylor	Norwalk/Stamford
John Taylor	Norwalk/Stamford
David Taylor	Weston Town
Baroch Taylor	Weston Town

John Morehouse	Brookfield Town
Thaddeus Morehouse	Danbury Town
John Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Samuel Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Ebenezer Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Abraham Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Groman Morehouse	Fairfield Town
David Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Isaac Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Elijah Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Abraham Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Seth Morethouse	Fairfield Town
Peter Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Abijah Morehouse	Fairfield Town
William Morehouse	Fairfield Town
Uriah Morehouse	Fairfield Town
John Morehouse	New Fairfield Town
Hezekiah Morehouse	New Fairfield Town
Sarah Morehouse, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Jared Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Solomon Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
David Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Michael Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Joshua Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Gershom Morehouse	Norwalk/Stamford
Daniel Morehouse	Reading Town
David Morehouse	Reading Town
John Morehouse	Reading Town
Gershom Morehouse	Reading Town
Aaron Morehouse	Reading Town
Elijah Morehouse	Reading Town
Beebe Morehouse	Reading Town
Daniel Morehouse	Weston Town
Joseph Morehouse	Weston Town
Banks Morehouse	Weston Town
Michael Morehouse	Weston Town
Andrew Morehouse	Weston Town
Nathan Morehouse	Weston Town
Jesse Morehouse	Weston Town
Jabez Morehouse	Weston Town
David Morehouse	Weston Town

Stephen Guire	Fairfield Town
Jonathan Fanton	Huntington Town
John Guire	Reading Town
Thadius Guire	Reading Town
Samuel Guire	Reading Town
Gershom Fanton	Weston Town
Hezekiah Fanton	Weston Town
John Fanton	Weston Town
Zebulen Fanton	Weston Town

FAIRFIELD COUNTY, CONNECTICUT 1790 CENSUS BEERS

David Beers, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Nathan Beers	Fairfield Town
Nathan Beers, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Samuel Beers, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Reuben Beers	Fairfield Town
David Beers	Fairfield Town
David Beers, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Joseph Beers	Fairfield Town
Joseph Beers, Jr.	Fairfield Town
Samuel Beers	Fairfield Town
Lewis Beers	Huntington Town
Nathaniel Beers	Huntington Town
Barnabus Beers	Huntington Town
Tine Beers	Huntington Town
Joseph Beers	Huntington Town
Noah Beers	New Fairfield Town
David Beers	Newtown Town
Truman Beers	Newtown Town
Sarah Beers, widow	Newtown Town
Oliver Beers	Newtown Town
John Beers	Newtown Town
Elias Beers	Newtown Town
Eben Beers	Newtown Town
Finious Beers Phineas?	Newtown Town
Sirus Beers, Cyrus?	Newtown Town
Samuel Beers	Newtown Town
Simeon Beers	Newtown Town
Samuel Beers	Norwalk/Stamford
Ezekiel Beers	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathan Beers	Norwalk/Stamford
James Beers	Norwalk/Stamford
Elnathan Beers	Norwalk/Stamford
Gershom Beers	Reading Town
Samuel Beers	Stratford Town
Josiah Beers	Stratford Town
James Beers	Stratford Town
Jonathan Beers	Stratford Town
Joel Beers	Stratford Town
Stephen Beers	Stratford Town
Abner Beers	Stratford Town
Jabez Beers	Stratford Town
Ephriam Beers	Weston Town
David Beers	Weston Town
Nathan Beers	Weston Town
Pinkney Beers	Weston Town
Ezra Beers	Weston Town
Isaac Beers	Weston Town
Nehemiah Beers	Weston Town
Fanton Beers	Weston Town
Ephrian Beers	Weston Town
Jonathan Beers	Weston Town

Isaac Lockwood	Brookfield town
Stephen Lockwood	Fairfield town
Noah Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Philip Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Samuel Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Andrew Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Edward Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Gilbert Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Mary Lockwood, widow	Greenwich Town
Enos Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Caleb Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Joseph Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Jonathan Lockwood, 3rd	Greenwich Town
John Lockwood	Greenwich Town
George Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Jonathan Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Abraham Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Frederick Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Stephen Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Anny Lockwood, widow	Greenwich Town
Thaddeus Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Nathan Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Israel Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Nathaniel Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Samuel Lockwood, Jr.	Greenwich Town
Amos Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Stephen Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Shubeal Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Gershom Lockwood	Greenwich Town
Jonathan Lockwood, Jr.	Greenwich Town
Thomas Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
John Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Ebenezer Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Hezekiah Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Eliphalet Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Matthew Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Ephriam Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Jacob Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
John Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
James Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Sarah Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Martha Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Joseph Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Gershom Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Daniel Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Jared Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Eliphalet Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Jacob Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Edmond Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford

Daniel Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Charles Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Jonathan Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Jonathan Lockwood, Jr.	Norwalk/Stamford
Thaddeus Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Gershom Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathaniel Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Titus Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Elizabeth Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Josiah Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Hannah Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Freelove Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Reuben or Redeem Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
David Lockwood, Jr.	Norwalk/Stamford
Abigail Lockwood, widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Elnathan Lockwood	Norwalk/Stamford
Daniel Lockwood, Jr.	Norwalk/Stamford
John Lockwood	Weston Town
Gideon Lockwood	Weston Town
Albert Lockwood	Weston Town
John Lockwood	Weston Town

KEELER ...

David Keeler	Brookfield Town
John Keeler	Brookfield Town
Elisha Keeler	Brookfield Town
Nathan Keeler	Brookfield Town
Sarah Keeler	Brookfield Town
John Keeler, Jr.	Brookfield Town
Anne Keeler, Widow	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathaniel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Philip Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Elijah Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Timothy Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Nathan Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Elizabeth Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
David Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Daniel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Isaac Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Phinehas Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Stephen Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
James Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Jeremiah Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Aaron Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Thaddeus Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Justice Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Seth Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Luke Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Aaron Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Thomas Keeler	Norwalk/Stamford
Samuel Keeler	Ridgefield
Timothy Keeler 2nd	Ridgefield
Nehemiah Keeler	Ridgefield
Elijah Keeler	Ridgefield

ABOUT SUSANNAH FITCH ....

Children of JOHN FITCH and ELIZABETH BEERS FITCH ELIS were:

1. Nathaniel Fitch, who died in 1766
2. John Fitch, who may be our John Fitch
3. Elizabeth Fitch, who married David King
4. SUSANNAH, whom we hear no more about

In the will of Elizabeth Beers Fitch Elis we find that she names her grandchildren that she has in the year of 1777 and they are:

John Fitch, Junr., Gideon Fitch, Susannah Fitch
Nathaniel King, Elizabeth King, Sarah King

No mention of Susannah or any children left by a Susannah.

The only Susannah is the one who is her grandchild and a child of John Fitch her son.

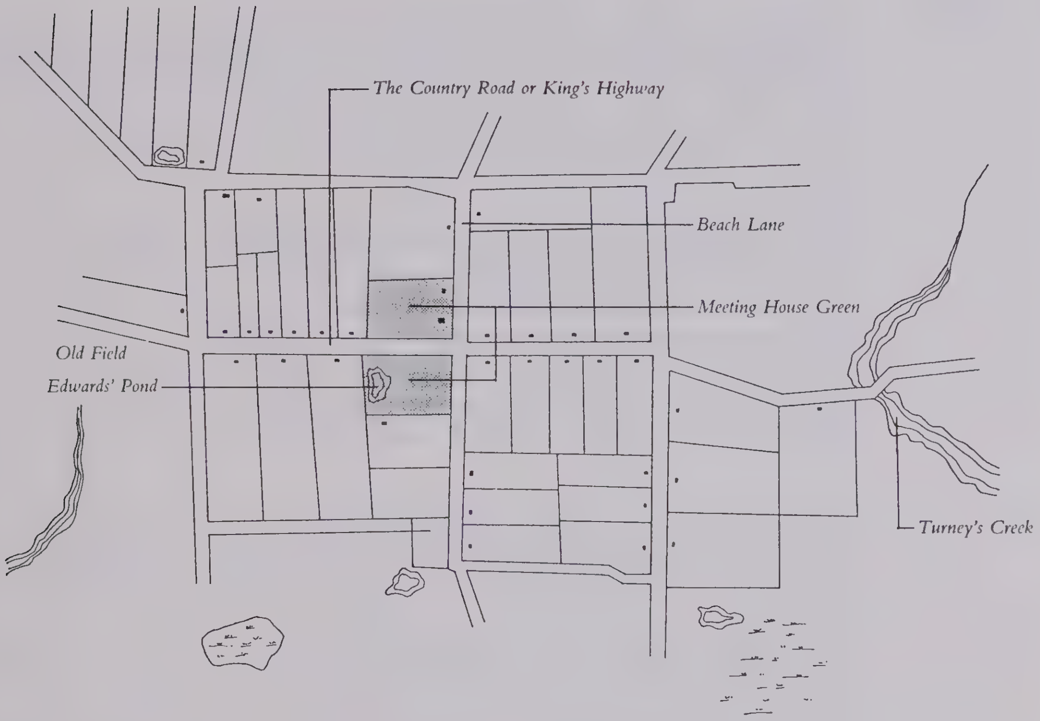
If John Fitch married Elizabeth Lockwood and these three, John, Gideon, and Susannah belong to them, then Susannah would have to be born after 1766, which is their marriage date. Making her birth 1767 to 1777. The children were all underage in 1777 when the will was written.

There is a marriage of a SUSANNAH FITCH AND BILLY FINCH, Nov. 24, 1785 in Weston, the area in which they lived. If so she would have to be born 1765 to about 1768 to be of a marriageable age at that time, 1785. If this is the granddaughter, SUSANNAH, then she would have been married at about age 18 or less.

We find the FINCH name in the David King and Elizabeth Fitch King family in the name of David's mother. She was probably the Sarah Finch who married Richard King, Oct. 28, 1742.

Also there is a DANIEL FINCH who was named administrator for the will of JOHN FITCH who died in 1792 in Norwalk. There is a chance that this John Fitch may be the son of our John Fitch and Elizabeth Lockwood and would be dead then by the time the John Fitch land was given to his sons, Gideon and Nathaniel. This is will #2225 and must be read before we know for sure and then we may not know more than we do now about it, except that Daniel Finch was named administrator and Joseph Lockwood was named surety. Our John would have been in PA by this time and on the PA census. There is an unaccounted for male over 16 listed and it could be John. Perhaps he was the John that tradition says went back to CT and died there while on a visit.

Since we find the name FITCH and FINCH in this family, it is possible that this marriage in 1785 could have been the granddaughter Susannah above. I would assume if the sister Susannah was still living at the time of the writing of the will of Elizabeth Beers Fitch Elis, she would have been named somewhere or her children mentioned if she had them. Would probably mean that at the writing of the will in 1777, Susannah, sister of John, Elizabeth, and Nathaniel was already dead.



Map of original Fairfield settlement, 1639-1650, showing the "four squares" with home lots clustered around the town green.

individualistic—and too self-seeking—to organize their planting according to the open-field system, that is, one where the fields were worked in common, a practice widely followed in England. But following another English tradition, their fields were small parcels scattered about among those of neighbors, guaranteeing that no one monopolize all the best land and that no one be burdened with exclusively inferior land.

In 1641 the General Court of Connecticut ordered that new settlers be granted "one hundred acres of plowing ground & twenty acres of meadow, provided twenty acres were improved the first, & eighty the second year." Anyone Fairfield admitted could assume that he would receive land, the amount beyond the stipulated 120 acres and the location being determined by an ad hoc committee. During these early decades, the town refused to distinguish between inhabitants and proprietors, proprietors being those individuals, including widows, who were taxpayers and therefore entitled to receive a share in each dividend.[13]

This unhurried system of land distribution continued for about twenty years, while England, preoccupied with civil war, the overthrow of the monarchy, and the establishment of the Commonwealth, paid little attention to New England. Connecticut, which would not receive a charter until 1662 and which therefore had no legal basis in the eyes of the mother country, was unconcerned about interference from abroad while England was so busy at home. But in 1660, England restored the Stuart family to the throne and turned an attentive eye once more toward the New World. Throughout

Connecticut settlers began to worry about what the new king, Charles II, might do with those lands that remained undivided. Fairfield decided to distribute these lands as quickly as possible so that title could be transferred from the town to individual owners and thereby be made more secure. In some cases, the town was so eager to put its lands into the hands of its residents that it made the divisions even before the property had been fully surveyed.

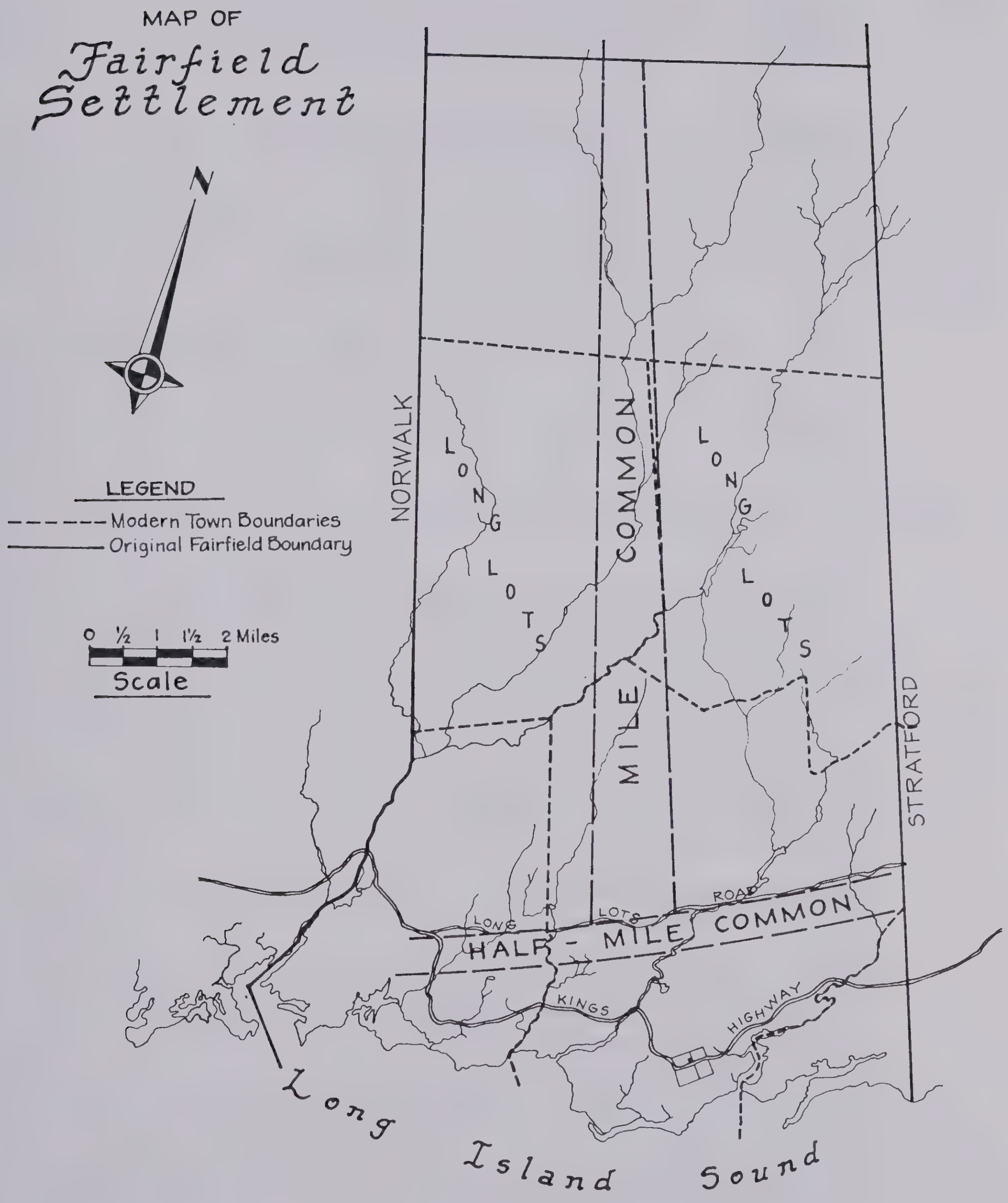
The first major division came in January 1662. The town ordered that about 320 acres located in both southeastern and southwestern Fairfield should be divided among the town's taxpayers, with no more than six acres going to a single family. Sixty-nine families participated in the division, which the town originally intended should be only a grant of use for ten years but which it eventually made a permanent dividend. The formula for determining how much land each family received was based upon the grant of a half-acre to each "master of family" a quarter-acre for his wife and for each child, and two acres for each £100 of taxable property. A typical family received 4.6 acres in this first division.

By the beginning of 1669, the town was ready to make another division, this one located west of the Mill River and known as the Sasqua dividend. It involved 415 acres to be distributed among sixty-eight families, with the average family receiving 6.1 acres.

The Sasqua grant was only the beginning of an ambitious plan to transfer title to an amazing quantity of land in a short period of time. At the time the Sasqua grant was being made, the town ordered Nathan Gold, Jehu Burr, John Banks, James Beers, and William Hill to buy any lands within the town, except reservations, that were still in Indian hands. In September 1670, Fairfield bought "the last six miles of the Indians: of the Towne Commons: and they having agreed that the Towne shall give them 36 pounds for it." Fairfield paid the purchase price in "trucking cloth" valued at 10 shillings a yard. The following month, John Banks, Seriant Seely, and James Beers went with the Indians to "bound the land to the end of the Towne bounds that we are buying of the Indians."[14]

This purchase was a prelude to the dividend of 1671. The town had to attend to other preliminaries. At the time of the 1662 division, Fairfield had made a distinction between inhabitants and proprietors. Sixty-nine persons had participated in the 1662 dividend and sixty-eight in the Sasqua division. The town meeting voted that essentially the same group should take part in the forthcoming division, the town's object being to exclude newcomers from participation. But John Burr and William Ward argued that this also permanently excluded the adult sons of proprietors who, because they still lived at home, were not taxpayers. The best such a young man could hope for would be one day, after the death of his father, to share with his brothers his father's single right to participate. This point remained unresolved until January 26, 1671, when the town decided to include some children and some absentee owners or their tenants among the proprietors. The number participating increased from 68 or 69 to about 100. Those who failed to be included in this group were, with one or two exceptions, permanently excluded.

The amount of land a proprietor could expect to receive in 1671 was determined "by persons and the present list of estate: the persons to be vallued as followeth: a master of a family thirty pounds a wife Ten pounds and a child at Ten pounds: which vallu shall be added to the list of estates: & according to the Totall sum pertayning to each


MAP OF
Fairfield Settlement
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LEGEND
Modern Town Boundaries
Original Fairfield Boundary
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Scale
NORWALK
LONG LOTS
COMMON
MILE
LONG LOTS
STRATFORD
LONG LOTS ROAD
HALF - MILE COMMON
KINGS HIGHWAY
Long Island Sound

person they shall receive ther proportions." The rules sound as if they were absolutely fixed; but because the town was eager to avoid controversy and to pacify disgruntled persons, it was willing to consider reasonable complaints. Typically the town designated an ad hoc committee to act as arbitrators in these cases.[15]

The plan for the 1671 division was a simple one. A Half Mile of Common was established all the way across Fairfield, from the Stratford line to Compo. Just below the Half Mile of Common, the town created tiers of building and pasture lots. Above the Half Mile of Common and intersecting it at approximately its midway point was a Mile of Common, which ran back to Fairfield's rear boundary. On either side of the Mile of Common, the town created Long Lots that paralleled the common and began at the Norwalk line on one side and the Stratford line on the other.

While the building and pasture lots averaged only twelve and eleven acres respectively, the Long Lots were vastly larger. In the first place, they were about 13.5 miles long, although town residents were unaware of this at the time, surveyors having only established a base line in the area of the Half Mile of Common; decades would pass before they would complete their work in this huge area. The width of the lots depended upon the size of one's total dividend. Phebe and Deborah Barlow, the orphans of John Barlow, received a lot that was only about 3 rods, or 50 feet, wide. Nathan Gold, on the other hand, found that his was more than 53 rods wide, or about 875 feet. The average Long Lot contained over 490 acres.

Fairfield granted more than 52,000 acres or approximately 81 square miles in the dividend of 1671. The average grant—including Long Lot, building lot, and pasture lot—was 513 acres. The Barlow girls received a smaller amount than anyone else in town, 97 acres. Nathan Gold, the wealthiest man in Fairfield, received the largest grant, 1500 acres, to add to his already vast holdings. Thomas Staples, the only original settler of Fairfield still in town, added 1128 acres to his estate.

The following year, 1672, Fairfield divided another 800 acres. This land was located in Compo and included everything between Sherwood Island and the Saugatuck River and south of the Long Lots. One hundred and one proprietors participated in this division, one that included, according to the Town Records, 300 acres of good land and 500 acres of "worss land."[16]

In 1664 Charles II had granted all the land between the Delaware River and the Connecticut River to his brother, the duke of York. Beginning in the middle 1670s, Sir Edmund Andros, as governor of New York, began to assert the duke's claim to western Connecticut. Aware that Andros might push this matter to the point of challenging Fairfield's title to its lands, the town decided to establish a general Indian deed to cover all previous purchases. On October 6, 1680, all the Indian sachems from whom Fairfield had purchased lands, or their descendants, were assembled to sign a new deed. By the terms of this deed, the Indians acknowledged that they had sold and had been duly compensated for lands mentioned in the deeds of March 20, 1657, which had confirmed the Ludlow purchases; of March 21, 1661, the Sasqua purchase; and of January 19, 1671, when Fairfield bought the last six miles of land at the rear of its boundary. The Indians continued to reserve for their use lands at Sasqua, Pequonnock, Uncoway, Old Indian Field, Wolves Pit Plain, and Aspetuck, all within Fairfield. Still concerned about Andros, Fairfield's leaders decided to purchase the Old Indian Field, which they did May 18, 1681. The next year, they divided its sixty-three acres among ninety proprietors.

out the convictions of duty & right," as the minister of the Stratfield church. Still without a building of their own, the Baptists ordained their new minister in Stratfield's Anglican church, another congregation formed by disgruntled members of the Stratfield Society.[22]

By 1763 one Baptist, seven Congregational, and four Episcopal churches existed in Fairfield. Seven parishes controlled a variety of matters, such as the collection of the ministers' rates, the administration of schools, and the direction of trainbands. The idea of one community organized around a single church was dead. In its place Fairfield men and women found a variety of institutions competing for their loyalties, the upshot of which was to encourage increased preoccupation with personal, as opposed to community, matter. The community remained the object of much affection and much attention, to be sure, but priorities were changing. Fairfield men and women, once Puritans, were becoming Yankees.

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The Gift of Thaddeus Burr ... Dec to ... Abigail Burr

Becoming Yankees

THE TOWN MEETING reflected the changes that came to Fairfield during the first two-thirds of the eighteenth century. During the early 1700s, the meeting considered business much like that which had been important in the seventeenth century. Timber remained a subject of interest. On April 29, 1718, the meeting ordered that town residents refrain from taking "any timber or Trees brought up or that shall be brought up by sd. sea on the Beach." Having a competent smith in town continued to be important. In 1706 the town authorized John Winto to erect a smith's shop where William Malery had "wrought." An even greater interest was providing the town with adequate milling facilities. Grist, saw, and fulling mills remained an item of vital interest to the town meeting.[1]

Before the century was twenty years old, certain types of business began disappearing from the town meeting agenda. The town had for years been responsible for the appointment of tavern keepers. This task, along with many others, fell to the parishes early in the eighteenth century. Stratfield, Green's Farms, Greenfield, and later the others appointed their own keepers of ordinaries and public houses, and chose their own sheepmasters, highway surveyors, fence viewers, constables, pound keepers, sealers of weights and measures, and horse branders.

At the beginning of the century, the town oversaw the schools of Fairfield. It hired schoolmasters and maintained the schoolhouses, both for the petty or elementary schools and the grammar school. When in 1711 Fairfield finally received the six hundred acres the legislature had promised in 1672 to subsidize the cost of the grammar school, the town appointed a committee to rent the land and to use the revenue derived for the benefit of that school in particular.

This situation changed in 1712. In that year, the General Assembly placed responsibility for the elementary schools with the parishes. The parishes regulated all school affairs except those relating to the grammar school, which continued to be under the town's control. The parishes hired and paid the schoolmasters, collected the school rates,

and provided quarters for the school. The location of schools within the parishes could be a troublesome issue. While the parishes were still sparsely populated, the school committees might decide to rotate the school to different parts of the parish, spending a few months here and a few months there. Eventually one or more schools would be permanently located in the parish, according to the needs of the population. Greenfield, for example, on November 11, 1725 ordered a school to be kept six months of the year in the building that was then being used as a meetinghouse, located in the center of the parish. Five years later, this plan was altered to allow a school to be kept twelve months of the year, four months in the center, four months at Hull's Farm, and four months at Banks's Farm. When the parish created a fourth school, this one at Lyon's Farm, the school committee decided that each of these schools should meet for three months a year.

After 1712 the parishes became the recipients of colonial subsidies for education. Connecticut in the 1730s sold the land in the seven northwestern townships and used the revenue to establish a fund to assist the parishes with the cost of education. In addition Stratfield, Green's Farms, Greenfield, and the Prime Society received income from the old parsonage lands, which had been divided in 1733.

Though under the control of the parishes, these schools were not religious institutions. The education provided was, by the standards of that intensely religious age, secular. Reading, writing, and some arithmetic were as much the order of the day before 1795, when the parishes supervised the schools, as they were after that date when newly created school districts took control.

At the town grammar school one could prepare for college by studying ancient languages and perhaps a bit more arithmetic than had been available in the petty school. Much of the support for the school came from the six hundred acre grant. In May 1722 the General Assembly authorized Captain Joseph Wakeman, Captain Moses Dimon, and Lietenant Jonathan Sturges to sell the land, lend the money from the sale at interest, and use the income to help finance the school. Other costs were shared by the town and by the parents of the students, the concept of free public education still being part of a new world that had yet to arrive in Connecticut.

Additional educational opportunities in town meant that some young men were able to attend college. Daniel Sherwood, a precocious lad who would later serve Fairfield in a variety of capacities, grew up on the substantial farm of his father, also Daniel, in Greenfield. He went off to Yale in 1752. The privilege of attending college was one that only a miniscule part of the population enjoyed in eighteenth-century Connecticut, and Sherwood understood his special situation. "I shall endeavor to improve all the advantages which I am favoured with here for the better to fit & qualify myself so that I may be useful to mankind in my day & generation," he wrote his father on January 28, 1754. Even for a family as prosperous as the Sherwoods, having a boy in college meant a heavy financial burden, which they attempted to ease by providing as much for him as possible from the family farm. His father wrote on March 23, 1754, informing Daniel that he had "put your chest on board Capt. Sturges sloop and in the same I have put some apples and butter. I would have you git a good lock and put upon it."[2]

Without such items from home, young Daniel frequently had to go without. He told his father that "he missed it very much in not bringing over my butter for there is none to be had here." He also asked his father for some quills and warned him that "I shall want a wig at commencement very much." More than any of these specific items,

however, Sherwood generally needed money. "I don't think that less than £12-00-00 old tenor will clear me of all the debts I owe in New Haven," he informed his father in February 1756. While genuinely grateful for anything his parents did for him, he still had to admit that if he "had a little more it would doe me no hurt for the present. I have bought me a new hebrew grammar which cost 45d. I must buy my wood & candles which are dear."[3]

William Wheeler was another eighteenth-century Fairfield boy whose family managed to finance four years in New Haven, although he had reached nineteen before his parents found the means to send him. Most of his classmates were closer to fourteen than nineteen. Daniel Sherwood had arrived at college when he was only sixteen. Wheeler was the son of Captain Ichabod and Deborah Burr Wheeler. His family, who resided near Black Rock Harbor, was involved in both farming and maritime enterprises, shipbuilding in particular. Like Daniel Sherwood's father, Ichabod Wheeler impressed upon his son the unusual opportunity the boy was enjoying and the great hardship that the cost of his education was imposing on the family. Ichabod also warned William that in New Haven he might encounter temptations the likes of which were unheard of around Black Rock. And the father's admonitions stood the youth in good stead. "And as every place furnished some temptation." he later recalled, "there is always some female of easy virtue in Town that the Scholars are acquainted with. At the period of my residence there was two—Mima Wedger & Sal Umberfield." William found these young women fascinating. He described Mima as being "about 15, well looking, small & a good figure—I have often heard her from her window as I passed on to the College from the long wharf." Sal was no less intriguing to him: "Sal was a tall brunette—the Scholars called her 'Copper Bottom.'" Fortunately for the sake of William's virtue, he remembered his father's warnings. "My father when I was young took great pains to instill into me a hatred of such characters and a proper respect for virtuous females & in this he succeeded fully." William was, certainly in his own eyes at least, a paragon of virtue: "Perhaps no person had a greater antipathy then myself to immodest females of this sort. A young lady whom I tenderly loved lost all command of herself but the temptation did not succeed." That all unchaperoned Fairfield lads of the time were as well behaved as Wheeler would be hard to prove and even harder to believe.[4]

If the sexual behavior of Fairfield's adolescents in the eighteenth century remains a mystery, the political behavior of Fairfield adults at the same time is anything but a riddle. Unlike the previous century, when political life had been characterized by widespread officeholding and the regular rotation of officials, eighteenth-century Fairfield saw a high concentration of political power in the hands of a few, generally affluent, men. Nathan Gold, the son of Nathan Gold, Sr., and Peter Burr, the son of Jehu Burr, dominated Fairfield political life during the first twenty years of the century. Both men were rich; their wealth deriving from their vast landholdings, and both eventually served as assistants of the colony, the most prestigious office in Connecticut besides that of governor.

The importance of the Burr family in Fairfield grew enormously during the next four or five decades. John, Andrew, Samuel, Thaddeus, John II, and Nathaniel Jr. all enjoyed political prestige comparable to that which Peter Burr had possessed earlier. All were also wealthy men. John Burr, Sr.'s estate in 1750 of £15,000 was probably the largest Fairfield knew during the entire colonial period. The family's wealth was

certainly one of the factors in their political success; it allowed them the leisure to devote to politics. But other factors contributed to their prominence. Jehu, the progenitor of the family, who arrived in Fairfield in the seventeenth century, had four sons, Jehu, Jr., John, Daniel, and Nathaniel. Each was a man of some importance, and each had several sons, some of whom would become significant to Fairfield's history. By size alone the Burr family was an important ingredient in the town's political life.

Education was important to the Burrs. Several sons benefited from attending Harvard or Yale. The seventeenth and eighteenth centuries understood a college education as preparation for leadership, and the graduates of such institutions acccepted the idea that their attendance in college carried with it a special responsibility for service. The Burrs did not limit their activities to politics and business. Peter, John, and Andrew, all lawyers, regarded the law as more than a means of providing for themselves and their families; they became leaders within the legal profession, helping to create a legal community within Connecticut. Like Burrs before and after them, John and Andrew were also active members of the militia; active to the point of dominating the local militia units.

During the late 1760s and the early 1770s, the influence of the Burr family, though still impressive, did diminish. This decline represented no weakening of the family's talents, but indicated how the growth of Fairfield meant more competition for political power. The power that the Burrs had unintentionally surrendered had been seized by men of affluence like them. The ascendance of men like Ebenezer Silliman, Nathan Bulkley, Samuel Wakeman, David Rowland, and Jonathan Sturges hardly represented a democratic trend in Fairfield politics. Right through the end of Connecticut's life as a British colony, political life continued to be dominated by a small élite, an élite that now happened to include persons with a variety of surnames besides Burr.

If Fairfield's political life changed during the eighteenth century, its economic life changed even more. The seventeenth century had for the most part been an era of barely more than subsistence agriculture in Fairfield. The problems of survival had demanded so much time and energy that little of either was left over to refine the economy. But by the beginning of the eighteenth century, several new trends—encouraged by an increase in trade between Connecticut and the West Indies and by the realization by Connecticut farmers that certain soils and areas were better suited to particular crops than others—forced the economy into new directions.

The agriculture of Fairfield became more specialized and more commercial. As it had since its beginning, Fairfield continued to produce grain, but now its farms regularly yielded more than the local population could consume, enough to provide surplus trading goods. Much of the soil in town was ideally suited to the cultivation of flax, which became an even more important item of trade for Fairfield. An annual plant, flax was useful for its fiber, which could be spun into thread and woven into linen, and for its seed, which could either be sold as seed or pressed to produce linseed oil. Aware of the potential value of a successful flax crop, Connecticut had encouraged its production from the colony's earliest years. In 1640, the colonial government ordered that each family was to sow at least a rod of flax or hemp. Fairfield had also supported the cultivation of flax by pegging its value at an artificially high level and then accepting it as payment for taxes. By the middle of the eighteenth century, Fairfield farmers had come to realize that the flaxseed was more valuable than the fiber. Ireland, the center of the linen in-

dustry but a location where flaxseed rarely matured satisfactorily, could consume all the seed that they could ever produce. In 1750, £80,000 worth of flaxseed went from Connecticut by way of New York to Ireland, at least a fifth of it from Fairfield.

Sheep, hogs, and cattle continued to be important on Fairfield farms. The markets for meat and dairy products remained strong in Boston and especially New York. Grocers in both cities made a point of mentioning the Connecticut origin of their meat, an indication of the colony's reputation for quality. The early eighteenth century also found more and more horses in Fairfield. The mild climate, abundant feed, and level terrain of coastal Fairfield were ideally suited for horse breeding, and Fairfield horses commanded high prices, both on the mainland and in the West Indies.

As trade become more important to Fairfield, larger and larger quantities of agricultural goods were consumed on board ship; these products were required to feed crews and the livestock they frequently transported. Each horse shipped from Black Rock to the West Indies consumed between four and five hundred pounds of hay during the voyage plus ten or fifteen bushels of oats. Multiplying these figures by the hundreds of horses and other animals that made the journey during the eighteenth century provides some idea of the quantity of agricultural goods needed to keep just this aspect of the trade thriving. Although the seamen were doubtless less voracious than their equine passengers, feeding Fairfield's sailors provided further income for local farmers.

Along with other areas of Connecticut's western coast, Fairfield, with its good land, mild climate, access to New York, Boston, and the West Indies, and sheltered ports, began to blossom economically. During the frequent warfare between England and France, the British army's demands for goods more than filled any shortfall that might otherwise exist. King William's War (1690–97), followed by Queen Anne's War (1702–13), King George's War (1744–48), and then the French and Indian War (1754–63), meant boom times for Fairfield. As early as the 1720s, the town's land values exceeded those of interior Connecticut by 50 percent. Reclaiming wetlands by "Daming, Deaching and Draining" became a popular pastime in Fairfield, already the third wealthiest town in the colony, exceeded only by Hartford and New Haven.

Recognition of Fairfield's growing economic importance came in 1702, when royal officials designated it one of the eight lawful ports of the colony of Connecticut and appointed a naval officer in charge of entering and clearing ships. Just two years later John Edwards, who for many years served as the Fairfield naval officer, and John Sturges began, with the town's approval, to construct a wharf on Ash House Creek, Black Rock Harbor then being entirely under the control of the Wheeler family. Ash Creek remained an important shipping area until the mid-eighteenth century. On December 26, 1733, the town granted authority to Peter Thorp and Ebenezer Dimon to build a warehouse along the creek.

But Black Rock Harbor (or Ship Harbor, as it was initially called) soon dominated maritime activity in Fairfield. Because the harbor was accessible to large ships at both low and high tide, it became the port for Fairfield vessels engaged in the West Indian trade. About 1740, Ichabod Wheeler built the first shipyard at Black Rock, just north of the wharves that his family had built earlier in the century.

In March 1750, Samuel Squires, Jr. and Ebenezer Wakeman convinced the town to allow them to build a wharf "on the ship harbour near the Parsonage meadow and a Ware house on or near the same."[5] The project languished for more than a decade,

principally because the central village and the harbor were so far apart and travel between the two points was so difficult. Peter Penfield's decision to build a tide mill at the lower end of Ash Creek in 1750 encouraged plans for a new road between the center of Fairfield and Ash Creek. By the time this road reached Ash Creek, Samuel Squire was back before the town seeking a renewal of his authorization to build a wharf. This came on December 10, 1760, but Squire continued to procrastinate until 1765, when at last a bridge across Ash Creek and a road from the creek to the harbor convinced him to act. The Squire Wharf, also called the Lower Wharf, became in modern times the location of the Black Rock Yacht Club.

The growing interest in the harbor encouraged David Wheeler III, Ichabod's cousin, to deed land to the town on January 21, 1767, for a street to run from the harbor to the main highway to Fairfield's center. Wheeler then began dividing the land along his new road into home lots and offering them for sale. Captain Joseph Silliman and Captain Thomas Holburton were the first to buy in Wheeler's development, which eventually became the home of many seafaring families.

On December 17, 1760, the town granted Ichabod Wheeler permission to build a new wharf near the location where his family had owned a pier for decades and where he operated his shipyard. Deciding that he was more interested in building ships than in developing docking facilities, Wheeler sold five-sixths of his interest in the project in March 1770. His partners, James Smedley, Samuel Bradley, Jr., Ebenezer Bartram, Jr., Robert Wilson, and Nathaniel Wilson, completed the wharf, which became known as Upper Wharf.

Black Rock Harbor eventually accommodated three wharves along its western shore. On December 23, 1766, the town agreed to allow Job Bartram and several partners "to build a Wharf at Black Rock Harbor adjoining to Capt. Ichabod Wheeler's Wharf to begin at the Southerly Side of Wheeler's Wharf and Extend one Hundred feet along the shore." These men built their dock several hundred feet from the original site, however, on land they bought from David Wheeler III at the end of his new road. This became the Middle Wharf.[6]

By 1770 Black Rock Harbor was a considerable maritime center. It included the Wheeler shipyard and the three wharves, around each of which stood warehouses or stores, sheds that served a variety of needs, chandleries, and the tackle required to load and unload ships. It was as busy as any location in Fairfield, ships arriving and departing, or in various stages of repair and construction, livestock and other cargo waiting to be loaded. Seventy years earlier, such activity could only have been conjured up in a fantasy.

At the opposite end of town, the economic revolution was also having its effects. During the 1740s, the General Assembly authorized Nathan Disbrow to operate a ferry from Fairfield to Norwalk across the Saugatuck River. Traffic between the two towns had increased to such a point by 1761 that Fairfield voted to join Norwalk in building "a good Cart bridge over Saugatuck River at the Banks," each town to bear half the expense of the construction.[7]

By December 1758, David Osborn's wharf and a shipyard, operated for a time by Charles Lewis, already stood along the Mill River, and enough commerce existed on the river to justify Samuel Whiting's building a storehouse on its banks. Eight years later, in December 1766, the town authorized two important projects along the river.

It voted to allow Hezekiah Sturges and Moses Bulkley to build a second wharf, eighty feet in length, and agreed that Talcott Bulkley could construct a third.

With three wharves of its own, Mill River (later called Southport) was nearly as busy as Black Rock. The two ports competed but also complemented each other. Few vessels bound for the West Indies called at Mill River. The West Indian trade developed at Black Rock. Ships engaged in the coastal trade operated from both ports, in which case Mill River suffered under no great disadvantage, its waters being sufficiently deep for coastal vessels, its location being convenient to the rich agricultural parishes of Greenfield, Green's Farms and Norfield, and its position on the coast being closer to New York than Black Rock's. Captain Stephen Thorp of Mill River was typical of the men trading out of that location. His trade was almost exclusively with "York" where he delivered flour, wheat, rum, and "Seader Shingles" and took on a variety of manufactured goods that had been imported from England.[8] Black Rock sent mariners off to more distant ports, neither England nor Europe but Barbados, St. Kitt's, and St. Thomas, where Connecticut livestock, salted meat, and flour could be traded for West Indian sugar, molasses, rum, and salt.

With few exceptions, Fairfield merchants and farmers bought and sold goods and services by means of an elaborate system of debits and credits. They kept detailed account books in which they recorded myriad transactions: goods for goods, services for goods, services for services. At various times, not necessarily annually, they made reckonings with customers and neighbors, possibly exchanging cash or merchandise but more likely merely reconciling credits and debits to allow the transfer of the account to a new and uncluttered page. The system worked well for a population that, despite its prosperity, possessed little money. The 1768 account of John Thorp, a Greenfield merchant and farmer, with Seth Perry, a blacksmith, indicates that Perry acquired a variety of goods from Thorp and provided various smithing services to him. During the course of the entire year, the two exchanged no money. At the time of reckoning, Perry agreed to settle by acknowledging a credit to his account in Thorp's journal. Thorp's 1770 account with Samuel Squire, a cooper, involved several transactions, Squire settling matters by paying Thorp a small amount of cash. Thorp and Increase Bradley, a farmer, managed to end the year without exchanging any cash; Thorp paid Bradley with a load of walnut wood and accepted five bushels of clams as change.

All this economic activity meant both new population and wealth for Fairfield. In 1756, the year of one of Connecticut's irregular enumerations, Fairfield included 4455 persons—4195 whites and 260 blacks—making it the fourth largest town in Connecticut, behind Middletown, Norwich, and New Haven. In terms of taxable property it ranked second in the colony, only Norwich enjoying a larger list of estates.

Connecticut conducted another census in 1774. Unfortunately, comparisons between it and the 1756 census are difficult, because the General Assembly in 1767 made what had been the Fairfield parish of Redding into an independent town, thus depriving Fairfield of a significant amount of population and taxable property. With a population of 4863, Fairfield was the eleventh largest town in Connecticut in 1774. (Had Redding still been part of Fairfield, the town would have maintained its position as the third largest town in the colony, with a population of 6097.) The 4863 persons included 4544 whites and 319 blacks, giving Fairfield the highest percentage of black population in the colony. The Fairfield list of estates, that is, the town's grand list, was the fifth largest in

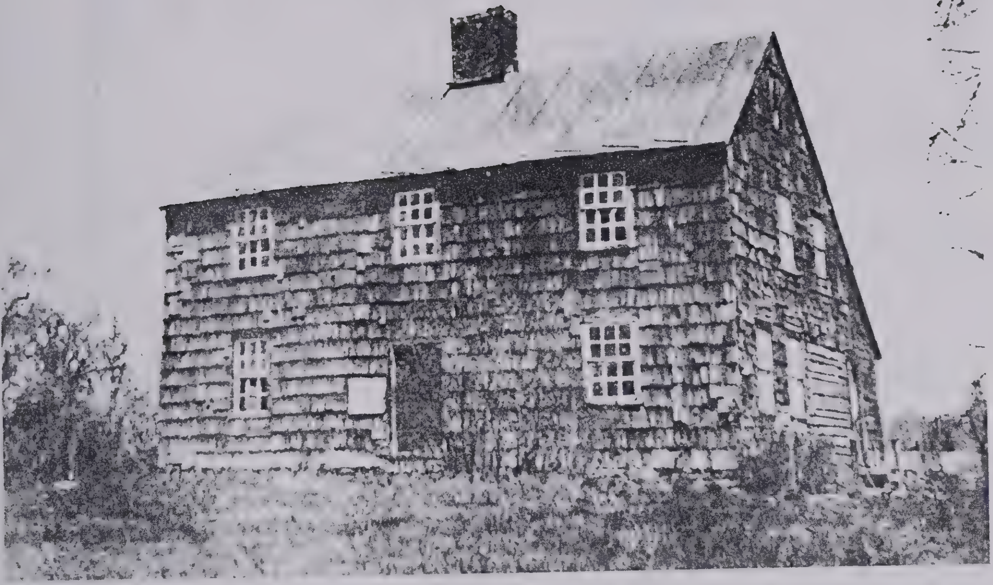
Connecticut, the same relative position the town held in terms of the size of its average per capita estate.

By 1774 Fairfield's trade was bringing affluence to Fairfield merchants like David Judson or Moses Bulkley, not men of great wealth as could have been found in Boston or Philadelphia, but still prosperous men who enjoyed a standard of living as high as any in Connecticut. This trade also meant affluence for some of the town's farmers, especially those who, like Thaddeus Burr, belonged to one of the leading families that owned so much of the town's real estate. Furthermore, the town was home to many lawyers, who found Fairfield attractive both because of the amount of legal business generated by the trade and because it was the location of the Fairfield County Court. Fairfield had been the court's home since 1666, the beginning of counties in Connecticut. The first courthouse was built in 1718, but precisely where it stood remains a mystery. In 1768, after Isaac Frasier, a convicted thief, set fire to the jail and courthouse in a futile effort to escape, Fairfield County built a new courthouse and jail on the meetinghouse green in Fairfield, "a little northwesterly of the New School House."[9] Frasier had the distinction of being the first criminal to go to the gallows at the new facility. Twice a year the Superior Court of Connecticut met there as well; it was that court's practice to hold two sessions annually in each county.

Skilled craftsmen found a place in Fairfield now that the town could afford to support a more specialized labor force. The days had passed when a man had to be a jack-of-all-trades. The growth of maritime affairs had forced more men to work as laborers than ever before. Ships had to be loaded and unloaded, repaired and maintained, and, of course, sailed. Men whose fathers had been farmers now made their living at Black Rock and Mill River or on the ships that journeyed forth from those ports.

Fairfield's growing trade encouraged the growth of its black population. Approximately three out of every four blacks in Fairfield in the 1770s were slaves. Most of them were men who worked as laborers or household servants; a smaller number of women were household servants; and an even smaller number were children. Most slaves were denied the pleasure of residing, with or without the benefit of marriage, with a member of the opposite sex. Captain David Judson owned a married couple and their child, but more typical was Hezekiah Gold, who owned four men, a "wench," a young man, and two boys. Slavery was a luxury that Fairfield came to afford as it became affluent. Most free blacks in Fairfield worked as laborers, either on the docks or on board ship.

Other, more palatable, evidence existed of Fairfield's growing affluence. On February 14, 1760, the Greenfield Society voted to build a new meetinghouse. The old one had been in use only thirty-three years but was plain and had neither a steeple nor a place for a bell. The congregation, conscious of its recent abundance, demanded a meetinghouse that reflected its improved situation. By 1762 the new edifice, far more imposing than any of the other seventeen meetinghouses that could be seen from its steeple, was ready to receive worshipers. Only two years elapsed between the date the congregation decided to build and the time the building was ready for use. Earlier Fairfield congregations had taken decades to complete similar, although less elaborate, projects, the parishioners requiring years to raise the necessary funds; funds that would have seemed a pittance compared to the more than £1000 that Greenfield spent on its 1762 meetinghouse.

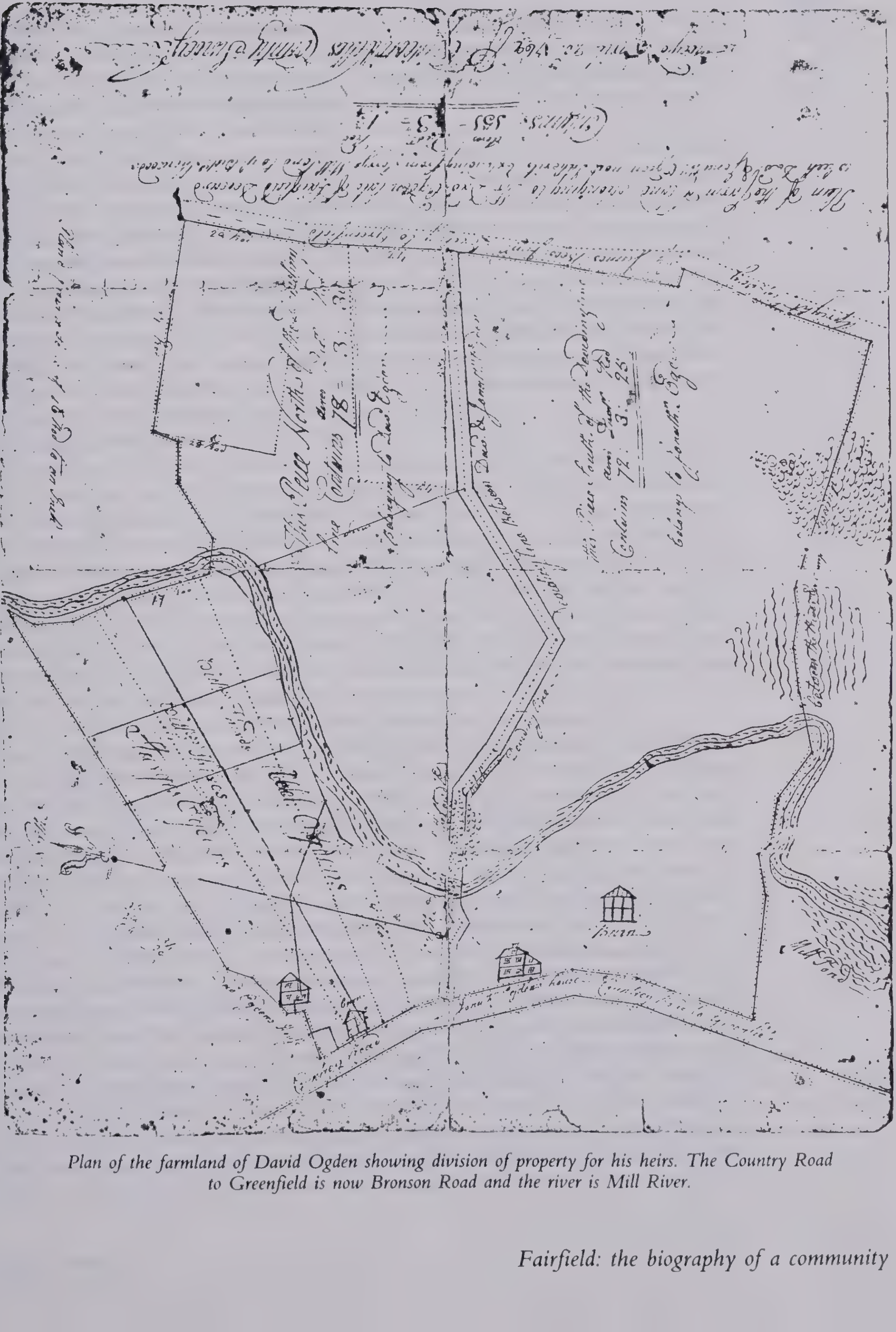


Ogden House, built circa 1750 by David Ogden as it appeared in 1928 prior to restoration by Annie B. Jennings. It is now owned by the Fairfield Historical Society.

The Stratfield Society, impressed by what had taken place in Greenfield and eager to demonstrate its own prosperity, voted on September 19, 1770, to add a steeple to its meetinghouse. When the steeple was in place, the society agreed to add a bell and "to have the bell ringed at the usual time on Sabbath days, and other days at 12 of the clock in the day and at 9 o'clock at night." Such luxuries were becoming commonplace.

But a glance at an eighteenth-century estate inventory helps to put that century's idea of affluence into perspective. David Ogden, who was forty-eight when he died in Fairfield in 1775, was, while not wealthy, a prosperous man; his estate, valued at £1515, clearly placed him among the most affluent 20 percent of the town's population. His houses, milk house, barn, and the twenty-eight acres upon which these structures stood were worth £455. He owned an additional seventy-two acres, worth £529. Ogden, his wife, and their five children lived in a substantial, six-room center chimney house. Their furniture at the time of David's death consisted of four bedsteads, three looking glasses, a desk, a case of drawers, two round and two square tables, a chest of drawers, a trunk, an old chest, a cradle, a great chair, twelve black chairs, six crookbacked chairs, and five "old chairs." These items—total value, about £14—would hardly begin to satisfy the needs of the most humble twentieth-century family of seven. The Ogdens did not own a single piece of upholstered furniture; upholstered items were reserved for those wealthy enough to import them from Boston or New York.

David Ogden's entire wardrobe would barely fill a modern traveler's suitcase. He operated a hundred-acre farm with fewer tools than modern suburbanites need to maintain an acre lawn, and his wife, Jane Sturges Ogden, had no more dishes and utensils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Mill Pond
Country Road to Greenfield

Plan of the farmland of David Ogden showing division of property for his heirs. The Country Road to Greenfield is now Bronson Road and the river is Mill River.

in her kitchen than a modern homemaker could fit in the family dishwasher. Relative to the scarcity that Fairfield had known in the seventeenth century, Ogden and his neighbors, the beneficiaries of the new prosperity, did enjoy many luxuries; but relative to modern times their homes were austere, their lives practically devoid of material goods beyond what was essential for a modicum of comfort.

Many Fairfield residents shared barely at all in the new prosperity. The fortunes of the town's slaves failed to improve with their masters'. Fortune also refused to smile on the "lesser sort," those who owned no productive property and who lacked any permanent place in the community. Most who started life destitute managed to escape poverty by the time they reached their forties. The "lesser sort," however, never achieved economic independence and often became, from time to time at least, wards of the town or of relatives. The town assumed responsibility for such persons when necessary, the practice being "to vendue the Poor," which meant that the town would receive bids from residents for the care of specific individuals and would then expect "that those who bid them off shall support them at the price bid at."[10] The number of persons who found themselves in this embarassing predicament was fortunately small, no more than 5 percent of the population.

Well over two-thirds of Fairfield families enjoyed a decent standard of living by the 1770s. Except for the slave population, the town provided its residents with a solid chance to make a good life for themselves and their families. The town's growing economic diversification meant new opportunities, and its social values encouraged an open society, in which a person could improve his lot in life. The town offered no incentives for great wealth beyond what it granted for simple success, had no tradition of lavish hospitality such as existed in Virginia, and placed no particular value on great mansions or rich furnishings, as were found in Philadelphia or Boston. When a man died his estate was divided among his sons, thus reducing the level of inequality that did exist. So Fairfield's prosperity managed to exist without inflicting crushing poverty on many and without creating an élite whose dominance was assured.

The new prosperity did not eliminate uncertainty from the lives of Fairfielders, however. Occasional threats to the town's physical security still existed. Indians were no longer a military problem; in fact, Nathan Birdsey told Ezra Stiles in 1761 that there were no longer any Native Americans living in the area, "only here & there a scattering Squaw and scarcely a Poppoose." Even as early as 1728, the Reverend Henry Caner had written that "the Indians in numbers were very small about Fairfield, by reason of the vicious lives they led, with their excessive drinking, which destroys them apace." Significantly, Caner blamed their proclivity toward drunkeness as well as their "inveterate prejudice against Christianity . . . on the shamefully wicked lives of us its professors."[11]

If the local Indians were no longer a menace, the French in Canada were. In each of the colonial wars—King William's, Queen Anne's, King George's, and the French and Indian War—men left Fairfield, traveled for days to some remote location in northern New England or New York or in Canada, and fought to keep the French menace from their homes on Long Island Sound. In 1745, during King George's war, five hundred Connecticut men, including a company from Fairfield County led by Jabez Banks of Fairfield, participated in the successful siege of Louisbourg on Cape Breton Island.

The French and Indian War placed much greater demands on Connecticut and on Fairfield. Two thousand Connecticut men fought at the Battle of Lake George in

September 1755, including Colonel John Burr, Colonel Andrew Burr, Colonel John Read, Captain James Smedley, and Private James March, "an Indian mulatto fellow,"[12] all from Fairfield. Town men also participated in the conquest of Ticonderoga and Crown Point during the summer of 1759 and then fought at Quebec, which fell on September 18, 1759. Back home Ebenezer Silliman and David Rowland were busy convincing Fairfield residents that additional taxes were essential, that donations of food were required to keep Connecticut men at the front healthy, and that more men needed to enlist to keep the French at bay.

In 1758 Fairfield underwent a new experience when regular British army troops, part of His Majesty's 48th Regiment of Foot and the men of Colonel James Frasier's Highland Battalion, were quartered in town. The presence of the troops created problems, as indicated by the fact that Captain James Cockburn and Captain William Edmondston, of the 48th Regiment, appeared before the Fairfield County Court to answer charges that they had refused to deliver to civil authorities certain soldiers accused of misdemeanors in town. The court found them reprehensible for their indifference to the civil authorities of the colony of Connecticut, but imposed no specific penalties.

One of the most positive results of the French and Indian War was the arrival of Francis Forgue, a highly respected physician captured during the war and brought to Fairfield as a prisoner. He grew so fond of the place that when the war was over he sought naturalization and married Sarah Thompson Dennie, widow of James Dennie and daughter of David Thompson. He practiced medicine in Fairfield until his death, in 1783, at the age of fifty-four. Trained in Europe, Forgue brought a degree of sophistication to the medical profession in Fairfield far beyond anything it had known earlier.

On the eve of the American Revolution, Fairfield was vastly different from the town of eighty or so years earlier. The central village, which had provided an ideal setting for the encouragement of New England's brand of Christianity, fell victim of the tendency of Fairfielders to want to consolidate their lands and to live close to the lands they farmed, had become one of several hamlets that existed in Fairfield—hamlets that served practical and economic needs more than they did ecclesiastical considerations. The single church that had been at the heart of Fairfield's existence now competed with several others, some of them also Congregational, others Anglican and Baptist. Much of the power that had once belonged exclusively to the town Fairfield now had to share with its various parishes. Except in the case of vagrants or other persons it might identify as clearly undesirable, the town no longer warned people out of its limits. The corporate community was a thing of the past; and loyalties were confused.

Coming on top of this was a prosperity that exceeded any of the expectations of earlier generations. Fairfield men and women, at least many of them, were becoming accustomed to luxuries and had begun to attach more and more value to material goods. By the 1770s, the pursuit of gain, which the earlier generations had seen as cupidity, became largely acceptable. In an attempt to preserve something of the old morality, Fairfield in 1761 granted additional powers to its tithingmen, elected officials who were to protect the town from moral turpitude. Their position itself was an anachronism. Diligently as they might try, the tithingmen could never hope to stem the flow of cultural change.

The change was everywhere. During Fairfield's early years, for example, the pews in meetinghouses were assigned "by dignity, age and estate," that is, according to a system

of status that rewarded individuals' contributions to the town, their longevity, and their material success. When Greenfield built its new meetinghouse in 1762, it voted "to sell the spots or pews then voted to be laid out in our new meeting-house;" the most desirable pews simply went to the highest bidders.[13] Norfield used the same system when it built its meetinghouse in 1760. Green's Farms followed the pattern in the meetinghouse that it voted to build in 1783. Wealth alone was becoming the basis of status in Fairfield.

On May 23, 1700, the Reverend Joseph Webb noted that "a prodigious tempest of wind, thunder, rain and hail" struck Fairfield. He was, as anyone of his generation would have been, convinced that the storm was a sign that God was less than happy with developments in Fairfield. In July 1771, lightning struck the Stratfield meetinghouse and, according to William Wheeler, "killed uncle John Burr & ripped open the Shoes of his brother Ozias that stood near him & killed likewise David Sherman."[14] What grist this would have been for Webb's mill! But for Wheeler and his contemporaries, it was no more than an unfortunate accident.

The town, public morality, even religion had all changed by the 1770s. Founded and nurtured by Puritans, Fairfield was now a Yankee town, a town of men and women who probably put their own interests ahead of those of the community, who probably valued freedom more than they did order, who might unashamedly covet their neighbor's fine home or broad fields, and who might be a bit uncertain about how they or their community fit into God's plan; a plan about which they may have been less than clear.

NOTES

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3. Same to same, July 31, Nov. 6, 1755; Feb. 11, 1756, all in ibid.

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5. FTR, B, I, March 27, 1750.

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Revolution

THE FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR left Great Britain deeply in debt and determined to force her North American colonies to begin to pay at least a part of what it cost each year to administer and protect them. Fairfield men and women believed that their contribution to the recent war had been monumental. British attempts to impose taxes upon them were motivated by a broader scheme to limit their freedoms, they thought, and they determined to resist any British efforts to change their way of life. Fairfield's population was hardly a radical one—most of the town's residents had remained loyal to the conservative, Old Light position during the Great Awakening, and the deferential political system that still flourished in town was probably as antiquated as any in the colony. But life was good in Fairfield, and by standing up to Great Britain, the town sought to keep what it had, to resist the changes it saw being inflicted upon it.[1]

The Stamp Act, passed by Parliament in March 1765, taxed a variety of items, including newspapers, pamphlets, legal papers, mortgages, college diplomas, almanacs, tavern licenses, and advertisements. The governor of Connecticut, Thomas Fitch, argued that the law was unconstitutional, a violation of Connecticut's charter, which guaranteed that the people of Connecticut would be taxed only with their consent. He sent Jared Ingersoll, a New Haven attorney, to England to work for the measure's defeat. But once the bill became law, Fitch reluctantly decided that it must be enforced in Connecticut, and on October 31, 1765, took an oath to that effect. Jared Ingersoll also abandoned his opposition and, believing himself better suited that some royal official who could barely find Connecticut on a map, agreed to become the stamp distributor for the colony.

The people of Connecticut were furious with both Ingersoll and Fitch. The recently organized Sons of Liberty intimidated Ingersoll into quitting his post, and in the spring of 1766, the electorate summarily turned Fitch out of office. Also denied office in the 1766 elections were the four assistants, or members of the upper house of the General

Assembly, who had administered the Stamp Act oath to Fitch. One of the four was Ebenezer Silliman of Fairfield.

Born in 1707, Silliman was the grandson of Daniel Sillimandi, an Italian Protestant who had grown up in Geneva, where his family had fled to escape religious persecution. Daniel had arrived in Fairfield in the middle of the seventeenth century, and by the third quarter of the eighteenth his grandson Ebenezer was probably the most influential man in town. At various times he served as a justice of the peace, probate judge for Fairfield County, delegate to the General Assembly, major in the militia, and, after 1739, an assistant. In 1743 he became one of the five assistants who acted as the justices of the Superior Court of Connecticut, a position he held until 1766.

Fairfield condemned the Stamp Act as adamantly as almost any town in Connecticut, and the Sons of Liberty prospered in town. Jonathan Sturges served as secretary of the entire Connecticut organization. On November 12, 1765, the Sons of Liberty placed an effigy of Jared Ingersoll on a cart which a man in hangman's garb drove through the streets of Fairfield to cries of "Liberty and Property!" Erecting a makeshift gallows, the crowd hanged and burned the dummy, into which a charge had been implanted. The resulting explosion tore it "Limb from Limb."[2]

As vehement as Fairfield was in opposing the Stamp Act and as much as Silliman was defiled in other parts of Connecticut, in October 1766 the town, true to both its independent nature and its general conservatism, elected Silliman a deputy to the General Assembly, a position he would continue to hold, save for two terms, until May 1774. He became Speaker of the House in 1773 and, by virtue of his position as Speaker, one of the nine-member Connecticut Committee of Correspondence, established in May 1773 by the General Assembly to encourage communication between Connecticut and the other colonies. When Silliman attempted to regain his position as an assistant, he foolishly attached his fate to that of Fitch by supporting the former governor's election to the same body. Both men were defeated. Silliman lost his position on the Committee of Correspondence and Fairfield refused to send him back to the General Assembly.

Silliman's politics would best be described as moderate. He found it difficult to look with favor on the activities of Fairfield's most zealous advocates of colonial rights, the so-called Whigs. On November 30, 1765, for example, he wrote to Noah Hobart, still pastor of Fairfield's Prime Society, to complain about "the Late publick conduct of Job Bartram one of the communicants in the Church." Bartram played a prominent role in the Fairfield Sons of Liberty. Silliman took offense at Bartram's "calling upon God to damn all that had any hand in makeing the bill of Parliament called the Stamp Act: and in Libelling in the most Ignominious manner some in the most Elevated Stations in Civil authority." Old-fashioned and conservative, Silliman found such behavior reprehensible.[3]

At no point between the Stamp Act and the outbreak of fighting in April 1775 at Lexington and Concord, Massachusetts did Fairfield shrink from the Whig position. When Boston, in the wake of the Tea Party, became the particular object of British reprisals, Fairfield answered that city's call for assistance. The town meeting on September 20, 1774, voted "that a Committee be appointed to take in Subscriptions for the Relief of the Poor in the Town of Boston." Abraham Gold, Joseph Strong, and Moss Kent, members of the committee to collect the subscriptions, sent 634 bushels of rye and 116

bushels of wheat to Boston. Henry Hill expressed the Bostonians' gratitude: "The testimony which the patriotic inhabitants of the town of Fairfield have given of their attachment to the common & glorious cause of Liberty by their liberal donations of seven hundred & fifty bushels of grain by Capt. [Stephen] Thorp, had afforded much comfort as well as seasonable relief to their friends in Boston, who are now suffering under the cruel rod of tyranny & oppression."[4]

When the First Continental Congress approved the Association, a "non-importation, non-consumption, and non-exportation agreement directed against Great Britain," on October 20, 1774, Fairfield inhabitants, choosing "rather to die freemen than live in a state of servile subjection to any man or body of people on the face of the earth," voted "that any person or persons who shall directly or indirectly, with intent to dissuade, disunite or otherwise prevent us from strictly complying & conforming to said agreement & association" would have to face the community's wrath. At the same meeting, the residents appointed Gold Selleck Silliman, Jonathan Sturges, Andrew Rowland, Job Bartram, and Thaddeus Burr to consult with other towns in Fairfield County to determine the best means of enforcing the Association.[5]

The selection of Andrew Eliot, Jr. to take the place of Noah Hobart, who had died in 1773, as minister of the Prime Society also indicated Fairfield's support for the Whig or patriot cause. The son of the pastor of North Church in Boston, Eliot graduated from Harvard College in 1762, became a tutor at the college in 1768, and a fellow in 1773. The enthusiasm with which he supported the patriot cause created some apprehension among a few parishioners. During the debate over Eliot's appointment, Israel Bibbins, speaking for Eliot, described a dream in which he was carried off to "Satan's dominion." Bibbins found Satan in the middle of a conference in which he and his advisors were discussing the most expeditious means of keeping Eliot from the pulpit in Fairfield. Satan considered sending some of his imps to do his work, but then changed his mind. "You needn't go," he ordered. "I recollect that Mr.— — [the leader of Eliot's opposition] is on hand. He can do more to get them fighting than a dozen like you." Tradition says that the object of Bibbins's attack stormed out of the meeting, which then proceeded to elect Eliot unanimously.[6]

On Saturday morning, April 22, 1775, Fairfield learned that fighting between British troops and American militiamen had erupted in Massachusetts earlier in the week. Without hesitation forty-two Fairfield men, under the command of Captain David Dimon, Lieutenant Peter Henrick, and Lieutenant Edward Burroughs, left Fairfield for Boston to join the colonial defenders beginning to assemble there. Other members of Dimon's company, fearing that New York was a likely target for British attack, marched to that city to partcipate in its defense.

The troops had hardly departed when Stephen Thorp, Increase Bradley, and Peter Whitney, owners of sloops that operated out of Fairfield, sailed to Massachusetts with corn, rye, and rye flour for the American soldiers there. It had been many years since Fairfield had seen such a flurry of activity. General George Washington, on his way to assume command of the colonial soldiers at Boston, passed through Fairfield, conferring immortality on the home of Thaddeus Burr, where he spent the night. To Ellen Lothrop, there seemed no end to "the mighty armament & the vast preparations making to defend our country from the arm of tyranny."[7]

Fairfield contributed many sons to both the Continental Navy, which was never

Portrait of Mary Fish Silliman (1736-1818), wife of Gold Selleck Silliman, painted by Reuben Moulthrop in 1794.

large, and the Connecticut Navy, which sent fourteen vessels against the enemy during the course of the war. Two of these ships, the schooner *Mifflin* and the brig *America*, patrolled the waters off Fairfield County from Black Rock Harbor.[8]

Captain Samuel Smedley's exploits on the high seas earned him a reputation as a great naval commander. Born in Fairfield on March 5, 1753, the son of James and Mary Burr Smedley, young Samuel grew up around Black Rock Harbor, where his father owned a one-sixth interest in Ichabod Wheeler's Upper Wharf. It was around the harbor that the boy met and came to idolize Captain Ebenezer Bartram, a West Indian trader who operated out of Black Rock. Upon learning of the war between the colonies and the mother country, Bartram joined the crew of the *Defense*, a 230-ton vessel that carried sixteen six-pound cannon and several swivel guns, required a crew of 130 men, and was commanded by Captain Seth Harding of Norwich. Smedley enlisted with Bartram, and before the year 1776 was out, the young man—barely twenty-three—had become captain of the *Defense*, a post he would hold until 1779, when the ship went down off New London. He later commanded two other vessels, the *Recovery* and the *Hibernia*. During the course of his service, Smedley captured eight large vessels and several smaller ones, was captured by the enemy twice, escaped the Old Mill Prison in England and found his way to Holland, and survived it all to return to Fairfield and the West Indian trade.

Fairfield's most important military leader was Gold Selleck Silliman. The son of Ebenezer, Gold Selleck Silliman had graduated from Yale in the class of 1752. He studied law and in 1768 became the king's attorney for Fairfield County and in 1772, a justice of the peace, a position he would hold for the rest of his life. In May 1774, as tensions between the colonies and England became acute, Governor Jonathan Trumbull appointed Silliman a major in the 4th Regiment of Militia. The following October his rank became lieutenant colonel and in May 1775 full colonel.

The burden on him and his family was heavy. His wife, Mary Fish Silliman, wrote her parents in Stonington in March to tell them "with a heart most tenderly affected that this morning an express comes in with orders from the Governor for my dearest Beloved to march forthwith to New York with a part of his regiment, there to wait the arrival of General Washington." The British had evacuated Boston and were about to turn their attention to New York, or so Washington believed. Silliman and his son William left Fairfield on March 27 for New York. Mary prayed that "the great happiness we have enjoyed may not end here . . . how happy we have been—such a husband, such a father few can lose." When she learned that the British were indeed headed for New York, Mary, as she had been taught by her father, the Reverend Joseph Fish, could only "commit my dearest Husband and dear Son to the care of that God that directs the lightning under the whole heaven, and can preserve you safe, tho instruments of death fly thick around you."[9]

Gold Silliman and his son survived the fighting in New York, but only to come home to Fairfield to more responsibility. In December 1776, the General Assembly restructured the militia, organizing it into six brigades and making Brigadier General Silliman commander of the 4th Brigade.

Some Fairfield men and women saw the conflict between the colonies and England in a totally different light from Smedley and Silliman. They were loyalists. The percentage of the town's population that remained loyal to George III was small. In 1774, 969 men between the ages of twenty and seventy lived in Fairfield; of this number, fewer than sixty—about 6 percent—were loyalists. This small minority quickly learned to keep its opinions to itself. During the fall of 1774, Whig mobs attacked loyalists to frighten them into silence. One Whig ruffian who joined others to terrorize the king's friends in Fairfield described a doleful scene when loyalists were discovered hiding in a loft: "Some [loyalists] were taking an everlasting leave of their families, whilst others were crying ready to kill themselves, for they all expected to be hung immediately on coming down."[10]

By 1776 official action was being directed against those loyal to England. In May of that year, Benjamin Huntington informed his wife that thirty-nine loyalists were currently imprisoned in the Fairfield jail. Their stay in prison would have been short unless Connecticut officials believed them to be dangerous. Joseph and Benjamin Hoyt remained in jail only a matter of weeks before they were released after paying the costs of their stay. Connecticut needed money to finance the war more than it needed full jails, so fines and special taxes were more suitable punishments than incarceration. In 1781 Fairfield imposed special taxes on David Adams, Thomas Turney, Hezekiah Jennings, and Increase Burr because they all had sons who went "over to the enemy of the United States."[11]

Loyalists from other parts of the United States, especially New York, did inflict real damage in Fairfield from time to time, but the local ones were too few, and too

discreet, to menace the town.[12] They were more of a nuisance than a threat. In 1780, the people of Greenfield set up a liberty pole in their parish and "drank confusion to King George & hurra for Liberty." That night several loyalists, perhaps from Redding, slipped into Greenfield and cut the pole down. The Whigs set it in place again and plated it with iron as high as a man could reach. Several nights later their adversaries returned, this time armed with a saw and a ladder, and again leveled the pole.

Fairfield Whigs watched the adherents of the Anglican Church with particular care to see that they did nothing to damage the colonial cause. During the Stamp Act crisis, the Reverend James Lamson, Fairfield's Anglican pastor, complained to his superiors in England "that anarchy & disloyalty prevailed throughout the country in general; & that the missionaries were urging their parishioners to be loyal to the mother country by submission & quiet deportment." This position, he explained, has led to Anglicans being "threatened with having our houses pulled down over our heads."[13]

Lamson died in 1773, and the Reverend John Sayre, formerly of Newburgh, New York, took his place in 1774. An outspoken loyalist, Sayre brought the wrath of the community down upon himself. On January 28, 1777, the Fairfield County Court declared him to be "a person inimical and dangerous to the interests of the United States" and sent him to Farmington, where Colonel Isaac Lee was to supervise his activities. The court allowed him to return to Fairfield in the summer of 1777 only after Peter Bulkley, Jonathan Sturges, and Thaddeus Burr had interceded in his behalf. Upon his return, Sayre decided that the situation demanded prudence and so abandoned open advocacy of the king's cause, even holding his tongue when Whigs subjected the North Fairfield church, which was under his care, to "the most beastly defilements."[14]

Fairfield men and women had more important things to do during the war than harass local loyalists. Providing the town's share of soldiers for the Continental Army was an onerous task that involved, in addition to finding recruits, furnishing suitable clothing for them and caring for the families they left behind. Accomplishing this required the town to lay special taxes on several different occasions.

Special taxes were also necessary to provide bounties to men who enlisted in the Continental Army, a practice that became necessary toward the end of the war as the pool of men who had yet to serve became smaller, as weariness with the war became overwhelming, and as direct danger to the town increased. Beginning in June 1780, the town paid £10 to each man who enlisted. When even the incentive of the bounty proved insufficient to attract recruits, Fairfield empowered the selectmen "to hire for the deficient Classes such Recruits as are wanting to make out the Quota of soldiers in the Continental Army agreeable to an Act of Assembly made in October Last." This also failed to solve the problem; in 1782 the General Assembly issued "*Dooms* against the Town for neglecting to raise men for the service of the Last year." By this time the fighting was practically over, although technically a state of war existed with Great Britain until the autumn of 1783.[15]

Fairfield supplied provisions as well as men to the revolutionary effort. The war created huge demands for agricultural goods, of course, and supplying the needs of Connecticut, Continental, and French troops brought prosperity to many Fairfield farmers. In 1779 a Continental officer boasted that he could "procure anything" in Fairfield. Grain, especially wheat, remained important, and thousands of head of cattle came from Fairfield to provide meat for the armies. At the peak of demand, forty thousand

head of cattle were grazing in the pastures of Fairfield County, the area of Connecticut that Governor Jonathan Trumbull asserted raised the "greatest surplus of provisions."[16] In addition, farmers such as Joseph Wakeman of North Fairfield exported thousands of pounds of pork and mutton. Fairfield horses, which already enjoyed a reputation for quality, did everything from carrying cavalry to pulling caissons to moving earth for fortifications.

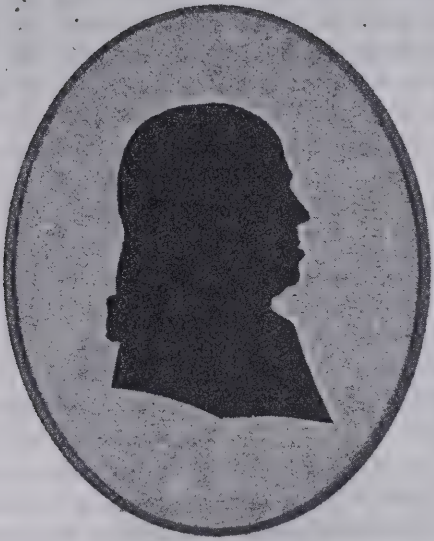
Flax, long one of Fairfield's most lucrative crops, was also in demand. Connecticut commissioned Thaddeus Burr in February 1777 to obtain ten tons of well-dressed flax, Gold Selleck Silliman a month later to purchase thirty tons, and both Burr and Silliman in June to provide five tons. Just what Connecticut was doing with so much flax is unclear, but certainly, without the means to convert such quantities of flax into linen cloth, it was trading the crop for war materials. Burr and Silliman were ideally situated to obtain the flax, Fairfield still being the largest producer in Connecticut.

Some Fairfield farmers and merchants discovered that the British in New York City, where they were ensconced from 1776 until 1783, paid even higher prices for agricultural products than the Americans did. Trade with New York City was illegal but easily accomplished. Boats loaded with produce might legitimately depart for Stamford but mysteriously arrive in New York. Cattle or horses that were to be driven to Danbury might find their way to Westchester County and from there to the British in New York. Those suspected of engaging in this trade vehemently denied it; but the trade nevertheless existed, and Fairfield families, most of whom supported the American cause in all other respects, prospered because of it. On August 30, 1782, Fairfield appointed a committee "to inspect the behavior of Persons respecting the carrying on an illicit Trade with the enemies of the United States of America; and to assist the informing officers in their Duty in carrying into execution the Law of this state against illicit Trade." Unfortunately, the trade was too lucrative to be eliminated so easily.[17]

Fairfield's good times came to an end in 1778. By then raiding parties attacked and plundered the coast with such regularity that only in the interior were farmers immune to loss. But the raids had begun before 1779. As the Reverend Eliot explained, "Upon the removal of the seat of War from Boston [in 1776], the town became a place of danger. We were frequently in anxiety & doubtful Expectation, as it hindered many in the prosecution of their Schemes & plans of business." The pastor's brother, John Eliot, described Fairfield as "the center of danger" in 1777, and Mary Fish Silliman told her parents that her husband and his troops "have not gone so much as to the house of God for this great while without their *Arms*, daily expecting an attack."[18] During June 1777, Long Island loyalists raided and burned the home of William Palmer of Mill River. They took Palmer's daughter, Mary, when they departed, but Captain Amos Perry, Palmer's neighbor, overtook the raiders before they reached New York, rescued Mary, and captured their vessel.

In 1781 Andrew Eliot described the town's plight: "Plundering is carried on from both sides & we are in frequent alarm as well as constant uneasiness on account of the refugees [loyalists] who are embodied & are continually on the water & near or upon our shore." The particular object of their attention, he said, was Black Rock Harbor which "a kind Providence" had seen fit to preserve. Generally he believed "our situation however is very precarious."[19]

Fairfield had paid careful attention to its defenses. In February 1776, Thaddeus



Silhouette of Rev. Andrew Eliot, minister of First Church during the Revolutionary War.

Burr and Gold Selleck Silliman called the General Assembly's attention to Fairfield's exposed position and to the vulnerability of Black Rock Harbor. The Connecticut Council of Safety ordered that twenty-five men be raised in Fairfield to improve the defenses at the harbor. Lieutenant Jonathan Mills oversaw the refurbishing of Black Rock Fort, located on Grover's Hill. In August 1776, he directed the installation of cannon, double-fortified twelve-pounders, these guns to be manned by twenty Connecticut soldiers, supplemented at night by twenty-six members of the Fairfield coast guard. Each night thirty other members of the guard—men from the militias of the Prime, Green's Farms, Greenfield, and Stratfield parishes—patrolled the shore from the Sasco River to Stratfield.

As the danger grew, Fairfield increased the size of its guard. In addition to the men at the fort, in 1779 the town stationed six men to patrol the coast near Stratfield; six at McKenzie's Point; six at Frost Point; and six at Compo. In the event of attack, their job was to spread the alarm. At the same time, Fairfield provided a modicum of comfort for the men at Black Rock Fort by building a barracks for them.

Governor Trumbull was particularly worried about the plight of Fairfield County's coastal communities. Because they had produced such large surpluses of provisions, he believed the British were intentionally maintaining pressure on them to "divert farmers... from their... husbandry." In January 1778, at his urging, the General Assembly ordered fifty matrosses to be stationed in Fairfield, and the Council of Safety authorized additional defenses to be built at Black Rock Fort.[20]

Neither the town's efforts nor the state's made Fairfield secure. The pace of the

raids quickened after 1778. Andrew Eliot explained that "we are very much troubled on this Connecticut shore by marauding parties who pay us almost a weekly visit—somewhere or other—we live—we sleep in constant fear."[21] Albert Chapman of Green's Farms was at his home when he was kidnapped in 1779. On July 16, 1780, Captain Nehemiah Whitney was asleep in the cabin of his ship at Mill River. Hearing a noise on deck, he roused himself to investigate. Before he could determine what had awakened him, he was hit on the head and killed. Mill River, which had no fort to protect it, was the scene of another incursion on November 28, 1780. Twenty invaders landed, stole some animals, and killed some others. On December 9, sixty men attacked Compo. Raiders struck Mill River again on February 18, March 1, March 4, and March 22, 1781. On March 1, the raiders burned two houses and a barn and on March 4, two tide mills. They plundered two houses and kidnapped two persons on March 22. On April 18 and May 16, 1781, Black Rock Harbor was the object of attacks. Two hundred men landed at Compo on May 31, 1781, and stole cattle, sheep, and hogs and burned the guardhouse before being driven off by Fairfield defenders, one of whom was killed and two others seriously wounded.

Prominence in the community made one more likely to be a target. About one o'clock on the morning of May 2, 1779, Mary and Gold Selleck Silliman were jarred from sleep by a noise at their door. Immediately aware of what the disturbance meant, Silliman reached for his gun and demanded to know who was there. "God damn you, let us in or your're a dead man," came the intruder's reply. Silliman saw eight or ten strange men in his front yard. He tried to fire his gun to frighten them away, but fortunately for his family's safety, the gun misfired. Before he realized it, the raiders had broken through a window, were in his home, and had taken him captive. They accompanied him to his bedroom so that he could dress, and withdrew only when they saw his pregnant wife trying to comfort their eighteen-month-old son, Gold Selleck Silliman, Jr. Silliman put on his clothes, embraced his wife and baby, and reluctantly went with his captors.[22]

Listening as they left, Mary Silliman realized that the raiders had seized their elder son, William, as well as her husband. She sent servants to spread the alarm and ran to the top of the house to see the direction the party was taking. She watched helplessly as the men crossed the two miles from Holland Hill, the site of the Silliman residence, to the head of Black Rock Harbor. For a few minutes she hoped that the gathering defenders could catch the invaders before they got away, but her husband's captors reached the harbor well before their pursuers, got into their whaleboats, and headed for Long Island. Mary heard nothing from or about her husband and son for three weeks.

Turned over to British officials in New York, the Sillimans had no more idea of what awaited them than Mary had. William was so ill at the time of his capture that the British, realizing he was of no value to them either sick or dead, paroled him almost immediately. His father, however, a rebel general, was to be held until the British could exchange him for a British prisoner of equivalent rank. The chances of an English officer or official of comparable position falling into the hands of the Americans were slight. General Silliman resigned himself to a long imprisonment.

By the autumn of 1779, with Silliman still in British hands, two of the general's friends, Captain David Hawley of Stratford and Captain Samuel Lockwood of Norwalk, decided to attempt to win his release themselves. Their plan was to kidnap loyalist Thomas

Jones, chief justice of the Superior Court on Long Island, who had himself been a prisoner in 1776 in Connecticut before being released pending an exchange that had yet to take place. Hawley and Lockwood assembled a crew of twenty-five men and on November 4, 1779, embarked in a whaleboat for Long Island. They reached Jones's home two days later, seized him, and began the hazardous march back to their boat. Six of their number fell behind and were captured by Long Islanders loyal to England. The others, with Jones, returned safely to Fairfield.

On the morning following his arrival in Connecticut, Mary Silliman received Jones as her guest for breakfast. She entertained him for two or three days, the judge generally proving to be "very unsociable."[23] Connecticut leaders, believing a rescue attempt was possible so long as Jones was held in coastal Fairfield, ordered his removal to Middletown, where he would be absolutely safe. While the judge himself was less than gracious while at the Silliman home, Mrs. Jones wrote to Mary Silliman to thank her for the hospitality she had shown her husband and sent her a pound of green tea as a token of her gratitude.

The taking of Jones failed to win Silliman's immediate release. Months of frustration ensued. On April 27, 1780, officials brought Jones back to Fairfield and at Black Rock put him aboard a boat that Mary Silliman had hired. If all went according to plan, the boat would take Jones to New York and immediately return with Mary's husband. On the morning of the twenty-seventh, the boat sailed out of Fairfield; Mary resigned herself to a long day of waiting and anxiety, at best; or perhaps disappointment once again.

By one o'clock that afternoon, Mary, watching from Holland Hill, saw the boat returning—hardly a good sign as it had not had enough time to make the round trip to New York. She described what happened next: "When our vessel came within call of our fort and battery on Grover's Hill near Black Rock, one called to know if they had Genl. Silliman on board. He then leapt on deck and waved his hat, when there was so loud a shout that we heard them plainly at our house (at the distance of two miles), and then all the cannon were fired off." Back on Holland Hill, the general, gone for almost a year, discovered that Gold Selleck Silliman, Jr., now two and a half years old, did not recognize him and that he had a new eight-month-old son whom he had never seen, Benjamin.[24]

Not all of the sights that greeted Silliman upon his return were welcome ones. While he had been held captive, the British army had visited Fairfield; the results were devastating. This was the second time that regular British troops had been in Fairfield during the war. On April 25, 1777, General William Tryon, former royal governor of New York, led a sizable army ashore at Compo. Danbury, where large quantities of American stores and provisions had been gathered, was Tryon's destination. He was eager to pass through Fairfield as quickly as possible, making his way to North Fairfield, what is called the town of Easton today, and Redding and then to Danbury. Fairfield escaped this incident generally unscathed. Tryon's second visit, which came during the summer of 1779 while Silliman remained in British hands, was a totally different matter.

The 1779 attack on Fairfield was one of three successive raids the British carried out in Connecticut during July. They struck New Haven, then Fairfield, then Norwalk. Sir Henry Clinton, who ordered the attacks, hoped to accomplish several objectives. First, he hoped that General Washington, who was then safely ensconced with his men in an almost invulnerable position at West Point on the Hudson River, would be drawn out of his bastion to come to the rescue of Connecticut; at which point Clinton, with

fresh reinforcements, would force a decisive battle on the Americans, a battle that the forty-nine-year-old British commander was convinced he would win. Clinton also believed that the raids would destroy the rebel privateers that had been preying on British and loyalist shipping on Long Island Sound. Sir George Collier, who was temporarily in command of British naval forces in North America, stated that the privateers had "almost totally destroyed the trade of His Majesty's faithful subjects passing through the Sound." Even if Washington refused to be drawn into battle, the raids would eliminate the privateers.[25]

William Tryon, a vain and ambitious man but one with no particular appetite for cruelty, became the overall commander of the operation. Sir George Collier, a distinguished naval officer, was in charge of the British fleet that would convey the troops to Connecticut, and General George Garth, who heartily disliked the idea of fighting civilians, was third in command. Tryon and his men, 2600 soldiers, left New York on July 2. His force included the 54th Regiment, which had fought so valiantly at New York in 1776; the Regiment Landgraf, a Hessian unit; the King's American Regiment, made up of loyalists; the 7th Royal Fusileers; the famous 23rd Royal Welsh Fusileers, who had won the respect of the Americans at Bunker Hill; a regiment of Jaegers, which was a German light infantry force; and the flank companies of the Guards, the most élite companies within the most élite regiments in the British army. This was clearly no makeshift army; it was an army that meant business.

If any Americans had doubted this, their doubts were swept away by what happened in New Haven. Arriving on the morning of July 5 and departing on the evening of July 6, the British troops demonstrated that they were well-disciplined, effective soldiers. All had not gone according to plan in New Haven, but this was more a compliment to the bravery of American defenders than a criticism of the British soldiers.

The Fairfield coast guard first sighted the British fleet just before four o'clock on the morning of July 7. Isaac Jarvis, who commanded Black Rock Fort, ordered a gun fired to warn the town's residents. But even at this point, the British force's intention remained unclear. As Jarvis and the rapidly assembling defenders watched, the fleet disappeared in a heavy fog that began to roll in from the Sound.

Fairfielders assumed the worst. Ichabod Wheeler and his son, William, drove their livestock to Toilsome Hill, where they thought the animals would be safe. Mary Fish Silliman, who was in charge of the family while her husband was a prisoner, believed that Holland Hill was too close to the shore to be safe; pregnant though she was, she organized her family and fled to North Stratford, now Trumbull. There she would give birth to her son Benjamin, who would eventually become one of America's great scientists. Isaac Burr, a goldsmith, also fled, but only after climbing down his well to hide his inventory. Prudent Phillips was a washerwoman; fearing that her laundry might attract the attention of British plunderers, she took the time to conceal it in a thicket before she left town.

Priscilla Burr, the wife of Gershom Burr, had anticipated the worst when the British attacked New Haven. She had asked a friend in Norfield to bring his team to town and to help her remove her family and possessions in the event the British visited Fairfield. As soon as she heard the alarm she began to pack. Leaving her servants to hide what she was unable to take, she fled to the home of the Reverend Samuel Sherwood in Norfield, where she found his house filled with refugees from Greenfield and Green's Farms.

While the residents of Fairfield frantically prepared for the onslaught, the British fleet remained off the coast. At about ten in the morning, the fog began to clear, revealing the ships lying lazily off McKenzie's Point. Some Fairfielders hoped the fleet would move on, perhaps to some other part of the coast, perhaps, some optimists suggested, back to New York.

Hope turned to despair about three o'clock as the fleet came to life. Seamen began lowering small boats, and soldiers, equipped for combat, assembled on deck. The flank companies of the Guards were the first into the boats, followed by the Landgraf Regiment and the King's American Regiment. Within half an hour the boats, filled with soldiers, headed for the beach, and by four o'clock the troops, unopposed, began coming ashore near the foot of today's South Pine Creek Road. With the loyalist George Hoyt serving as guide, Tryon marched his men along the beach and then up what came to be known as Beach Road.

Tryon and his men had proceeded only a short way on the road when they came under heavy fire. Isaac Jarvis, from his position at Black Rock Fort, waited until the British were clearly within range and then ordered his men to begin firing their twelve-pounders, loaded with both grape and ball. At the same time, the men of the Fairfield militia, who had hidden between the center of town and the shore, opened fire with small arms.

The British halted and returned the fire. Tryon ordered the Guards forward, and Collier, aboard the *Camilla*, his flagship, directed his gunboats to commence firing on Black Rock Fort. Jarvis had to turn his attention to the navy, and the militia, unaccustomed to facing the likes of the Guards, fell back, allowing the British to proceed into the central part of Fairfield.

Tryon assembled his men on the meetinghouse green, commandeered the home of Benjamin Bulkley to serve as his headquarters, and waited for General Garth and his men to arrive. Garth's force had had to wait for the return of the small boats that had delivered Tryon's men to Fairfield before it could begin to come ashore. Garth's men eventually landed near Mill River and began the march over Sasco Hill to join Tryon.

In the meantime, the Fairfield defenders had fallen back to Round Hill, where Colonel Samuel Whiting was organizing his men to prevent Tryon's further penetration into town and to launch a small counterattack. Captain Thomas Nash and thirty men moved within range of the green and fired a volley or two at the British before being driven back to the safety of Round Hill.

While most of his men improvised fortifications on Round Hill, Whiting dispatched a smaller group to the Upper Bridge on the Boston Post Road, which provided the only possible route for large numbers of men to cross Ash Creek. They were to tear up the bridge's floor—an easy task for a farmer with a heavy chain and a yoke of oxen—and to set up defenses on the far side of the river. In this way, Whiting hoped to prevent the British from attacking Black Rock Fort from the rear.

While Tryon waited for Garth, he sent out parties to test the American defenses on Round Hill and to seize the Upper Bridge. Whiting had done his work well. The defenders at Round Hill refused to surrender any of their territory to the British, and the men at the Bridge, having dismantled its floor, managed to keep the attackers on the west side of the river. Tryon was furious when he learned that he would be unable to cross Ash Creek. He had planned to lead both his own and Garth's force into Stratfield,

Thaddeus Burr, wealthy landowner and builder of the Burr homestead which still stands on Old Post Road.

John Singleton Copley's matching portrait of Eunice Dennie Burr, painted between 1758 and 1760.

strike Black Rock Fort from the rear, destroy the shipping at the harbor, and reembark from that location. Now he had to revise his plans, and as he did, more and more defenders were arriving in Fairfield. Units that two days earlier had answered the New Haven alarm began trudging into Fairfield, exhausted but determined.

By this time, few civilians remained in town. A few women, confident that British soldiers were invariably gentlemen, had foolishly stayed behind. Eunice Burr, whose husband, Thaddeus, was a dominant political figure in town, thought she was safe within her home. Some soldiers broke in, found her in her bedroom, tore down her curtains and destroyed her furniture, then stole her silver shoe buckles and silver buttons. The invaders were less gentle with Lucretia Radfield. They demolished her furniture and, as she later testified, "attempted, with threats and promises, to prevail upon me to yeild to their unchaste and unlawful desires." Because she "obstinately denied them my body, these men then and there dragged me to bed and attempted violence, but thanks to God there appeared that instant to come two persons who rescued me." Her rescuers must have been invaders; no Americans were in a position to save anyone in the area controlled by General Tryon and his troops.[26]

While Tryon and Garth remained in town, their troops behaved themselves amazingly well. A Mrs. Beardsley went into labor while the British controlled the town. Ruana Robertson, after spending the night trying to make Mrs. Beardsley as comfortable as possible, later testified that "all the officers appeared disposed to treat her, and her assistance with decency." Eunice Burr reported after the raid that General Tryon, upon learning that she had been roughly treated by some of his men, "was kind enough to order two centrys at the house, which caused me a more quiet night than I feared."[27]

Tryon's consideration extended only to Fairfield residents, not their property. Unable to force his way to the rear of Black Rock Fort, he tried to intimidate the Fairfield defenders by burning some houses. Just before sunset he ordered his men to set fire to the house of Isaac Jennings. Elijah Abel's home was the second to burn. After only a few houses had been destroyed, Tryon sent the Reverend Sayre to Colonel Whiting with a message informing the defenders that peaceful Americans who remained at home would be spared any harm, either to their person or to their property. Whiting's reply came back with Sayre: "Connecticut having nobly dared to take up arms against the cruel despotism of Britain and as the flames, have now preceded the answer to your flag, they will persist to oppose to their utmost, that power exerted against injured innocence."[28] While less than a master of syntax, Whiting made his point clear.

Tryon ordered more houses burned. As the flames spread, a thunderstorm struck Fairfield. It was enough to make one believe, said Timothy Dwight, "that the final day had arrived, and that, amid this funereal darkness, the morning would speedily dawn to which no night would ever succeed, the graves yeild up their inhabitants, and the trial commence at which was to be finally settled the destiny of men." The flames were clearly visible to the defenders on Grover's Hill.[29]

The Reverend Sayre went to Tryon to ask him to stop the burning. Tryon refused but did agree to grant protections to some homes, including Sayre's and the Reverend Eliot's and the two houses of worship in the center of town. Garth, apparently appalled by Tryon's tactic, "treated the inhabitants with as much humanity as his errand would admit," said Eliot. By morning, much of the central section of Fairfield remained untouched by the flames.[30]

The most serious fighting of the raid broke out just before sunrise, when Tryon sent word to Collier and the navy to destroy Black Rock Fort. The navy began its bombardment about four o'clock on the morning of July 8. The *Hussar*, a galley, fired seventy-five balls at the fort. Jarvis and his men held their ground, answered the British cannonade with one of their own, and added insults shouted through a speaking trumpet. When the fleet withdrew, after about three hours, the Americans remained in the fort. Aware that returning by the Beach Road would mean coming within the range of Black Rock Fort, Tryon ordered his men to march to Mill River and to board the small boats there. The British withdrawal began about eight A.M., the militia harassing them, Whiting reported, "very much at their embarkation, till afternoon when they all got on board."[31]

Tryon ordered the Jaegers to cover the withdrawal. Concerned only with their own safety, the Jaegers left havoc in their wake. They bayoneted three men to death: the elderly black servant of Jonathan Lewis; Solomon Sturges, the father of David Ogden's widow; and a man who worked for Samuel Penfield and who had just recently arrived in Connecticut from Ireland. Joseph Gold was shot and killed when he ignored a soldier's order to halt. The Jaegers pulled one woman "about by the hair of her head, tore her cloaths of [*sic*] and swore they would kill her." Andrew Eliot later reported: "The rear guard, consisting of a banditti the vilest that was ever let loose among men, set fire to everything which General Tryon left." They burned the houses of Eliot, Sayre, and Thaddeus Burr and even the two churches in town and then fled "persued through the burning houses by the enraged inhabitants." To get them off the shore, Collier had to order gunboats to drive the defenders back from the beach.[32]

With the departing raiders went the Reverend Sayre, who believed he could no longer safely remain in Fairfield, and his wife and eight children; he died in Burton, New Brunswick, in 1784. George Hoyt, who had served as Tryon's guide, also left. In addition, the British took several prisoners, including Joshua Beers and Jonathan Bulkley, Hoyt's brother-in-law. David Beers had also been captured by the British but he avoided being taken to New York by explaining to Tryon "that he had a large family of small children and wife, that he supposed his house and property was destroyed, [and] the genl. at the place of embarkation released him."[33]

By two o'clock the British fleet was sailing away from Fairfield. Its next stop—after a brief visit to Green's Farms, where a raiding party burned fourteen houses, twelve barns, and a meetinghouse—was Norwalk, where it left even more destruction.

With the British gone, Whiting was eager to calculate the extent of his losses, but an urgent call for assistance prevented him from doing so. Mrs. Jonathan Bulkley, whose brother, George Hoyt, had served as Tryon's guide and whose husband had departed—many mistakenly believed voluntarily—with the British, had sent the plea for help when she discovered that Captain Jonathan Sturges and his militiamen had brought a cannon to her home and had promised to blow it and its inhabitants to pieces in retaliation for the misery that her brother, and supposedly her husband, had brought upon the town. Sturges was supported by 150 men, but Whiting was no more intimidated by them than he had been by Tryon. He promised to arrest any who refused to disburse immediately. The irate and exhausted militiamen went home.

According to Whiting, nine or ten Americans died defending Fairfield. He was unable to determine the number wounded or missing. Nine of the British soldiers lost their lives, thirty were wounded, and five missing. Town officials estimated that the

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James & Abigail
Aaron 12-7-1795

British did £34,359:5:6 worth of damage in Fairfield including Green's Farms, a figure that the General Assembly considered exaggerated and reduced to £23,893:12:8. Among the property destroyed were ninety-seven houses, sixty-seven barns, twenty-eight shops and stores, twenty storehouses and outbuildings, two schools, three churches, the jail, and the courthouse.

Despite repeated entreaties, Fairfield men and women who suffered losses during the raid received no indemnification from the General Assembly until 1792. In that year, after the legislature had again investigated the damage done by the British in all the Connecticut towns raided, it granted "to the sufferers, named on the state record, or to their legal representatives if deceased, and to their heirs and assigns forever, 500,000 acres of land, owned by Connecticut, situated west of Pennsylvania." The 500,000 acres, part of the Western Reserve, was known as the Firelands. Fairfield's share was 47,500 acres. Few of the Fairfield people who lost property during the raid were either alive in 1792 or willing to abandon Connecticut for the wilderness of northeastern Ohio. For the most part, the "sufferers" or their heirs sold the land for much less than it was worth to speculators, who in turn sold it for all that it was worth.[34]

Rebuilding Fairfield was a task of gigantic proportions. The agricultural surplus that had been the key to Fairfield's prosperity for so many years was now consumed purchasing materials to rebuild houses. Tryon had barely left when Captain Stephen Thorp loaded his ship with twenty barrels of pork, thirty barrels of flour, four thousand pounds of flax, and six hundred bushels of Indian corn to take to Boston to trade for lumber. Individual citizens were left to their own resources to rebuild.

The Prime Society and the Green's Farm Society shared £1,000 that the state granted to them to rebuild, the money derived from the sale of confiscated loyalist properties in Fairfield County. The Reverend Eliot, an accomplished fundraiser, convinced friends and relatives in Boston that rebuilding the Fairfield meetinghouse was a worthy cause. Long accustomed to frugality, the parishioners shifted through the ashes of their old meetinghouse to salvage nails and iron that could be sold. Even with the best efforts of Eliot and his congregation, it took seven years to assemble the funds needed for the new structure, which finally received worshipers on March 26, 1786.

The plight of Fairfield Anglicans was even more severe. Since Sayre had fled with Tryon, the church had to rely on the services of a lay reader, Philo Shelton, for several years. Shelton read in the homes of John Sherwood in Greenfield or Abraham Bulkley near the meetinghouse green or Hezekiah Sturges at Mill Plain on some Sundays and in the churches at Stratfield and North Fairfield the rest of the time. Shelton, a native of North Stratford and a member of Yale's class of 1775, was ordained in the Episcopal Church in 1785, took charge of the Fairfield congregation, and became the impetus for the new church. After receiving permission to build on the military parade green at Mill Plain, the Episcopalians began work on a church, which was finally opened on September 5, 1790.

Public buildings had to be replaced more rapidly. The courthouse, which had only been built in 1768, was too expensive a structure to rebuild immediately, so the town voted to construct a temporary building that would serve until Fairfield County could find the means to build a suitable replacement. In May 1791, the General Assembly authorized the county to establish a lottery to raise £1300 to erect a courthouse in Fairfield and a jail in Danbury. The new courthouse, which served as both the county courthouse

and Fairfield's town house and which still stands as the central part of the town hall, was completed in 1794. The Fairfield jail, never as elaborate as the Danbury prison, was reconstructed at its former location. The Prime Society, which controlled both the schools that had been lost, lacked the means to rebuild them and was reduced to holding classes in the makeshift town house. Only after 1795, when the General Assembly removed control of the schools from the parishes and placed it in the hands of newly created school districts, were they rebuilt.

Tryon's raid cost Fairfield more than buildings; it put an end to the prosperity the town had enjoyed during the early years of the war. That prosperity had been slowly withering before 1779 as the town's maritime commerce shrank under British restrictions. Fairfield's shipbuilders had already forsaken Mill River for the upper areas of Black Rock Harbor, which was better hidden from the prying eyes of British sailors cruising on Long Island Sound and was protected by the fort on Grover's Hill. But the raid crippled the shipping industry. Fairfield's maritime population, which was considerable, had to find new ways of making a living.

Privateering impressed many as a solution. Since 1776 Judge Gold Selleck Silliman, who was a justice of the peace as well as a general in the militia, and Judge Thaddeus Burr had had the power to warrant ship captains to attack and capture British vessels, and since that same year, Judge Abraham Davenport, a Stamford man, had served as judge of the Fairfield County Maritime Court, one of five such courts in the state that both passed on the legality of the captures made by privateers and divided the money derived from the sale of condemned vessels between the state of Connecticut and the captors.

Hezekiah Gold commanded a privateer that carried seven guns. His most important capture was an enemy privateer manned by a crew of thirty-five that he took off Stratford Point. Captain Caleb Brewster of Black Rock Harbor attacked the enemy with long, open whaleboats, which could be either rowed or sailed and were usually armed only with a swivel gun. The whaleboats were effective against enemy whaleboats, many of which could be found swarming in the waters of Long Island Sound, and for making hit-and-run raids on Long Island. Brewster was adept at both. On one occasion three of his boats encountered three enemy boats; he and his men killed six of the enemy sailors and took two of the boats captive. In November 1780, he led a fleet of eight whaleboats to Old Field Point on Long Island, where he destroyed a loyalist stronghold and took several captives. Demonstrating his versatility, Brewster also commanded a sloop that he had refitted as a privateer. On February 20, 1783, he and his crew seized a British armed vessel, the *Fox*, his most famous capture.

Probably the single most impressive accomplishment of a Fairfield privateersman occurred in December 1782, when Captain Abraham Cooper Woodhull, who was cruising Long Island Sound in two whaleboats that he had taken out of Black Rock Harbor, captured the *Robinhood*. The thirty-ton schooner was carrying five hundred bushels of wheat, corn, and rye as well as three hogsheads and two barrels of flour, twenty-eight barrels of beef, one hundred pounds of cheese, and one hundred barrels of sea coal. Even after the state of Connecticut had taken its share and he had divided what was left with his crew, this single capture made Woodhull a prosperous man.

Few captains were as fortunate as Woodhull. To run afoul of a British man-of-war probably meant either death or years in a British prison, and some British merchant

ships were too much for either whaleboats or sloops to handle. In desperation, some whaleboat commanders took up plundering along the north shore of Long Island. Although the town disapproved "of importing goods into this Town that are plundered from the Inhabitants of Long Island," the practice continued as long as sailors remained unable to participate in peaceful commercial activities. William Wheeler of Black Rock noted in his journal on June 27, 1781, that many Fairfield men "go to Long Island to plunder." With their ocean-borne trade defunct and much of their town in ashes, they had few other options.[35]

Difficult as the years after the raid were, Fairfield men and women attempted to put aside the hatred it had engendered. Some of this hatred could be vented in harmless ways; the town meeting on July 20, 1779, voted "to put about subscriptions to raise a sum of money, as a reward for any person or persons that shall captivate or take prisoner General William Tyron, who commanded the British troops when they burnt this town." The possibility that Tryon would become a prisoner of the Americans was about as likely as Andrew Eliot's joining up with the King's American Regiment, but offering the reward doubtless relieved some of Fairfield's frustrations.[36]

On the other hand, much of the town's rage was misdirected. Fairfield was understandably eager, as stated in a town meeting resolution of April 10, 1783, "to remove all such Persons from this Town who are now in it or may hereafter come into it, who have gone to & joined the enemy." But the town went even further and sought to exclude all former loyalists, even those who had in no way aided the British cause during the war. On August 18, 1783, the town authorized the selectmen to ferret out those in Fairfield "who are Persons dangerous in their political principles to the Town or the state and forthwith to warn every such Person to depart out of the Town."[37]

Such a policy was, at best, shortsighted. Fairfield, reeling from the effects of the raid, needed all the help it could find to recover. Many former loyalists, now thoroughly reconciled to living outside the British Empire, were persons with economic resources, important commercial connections, and genuine talent. By excluding them, the town unnecessarily extended its convalescence at precisely the time when its dominant position in southwestern Connecticut was being challenged. At the end of the American Revolution, one would have had to wonder whether Fairfield could preserve its place of eminence.

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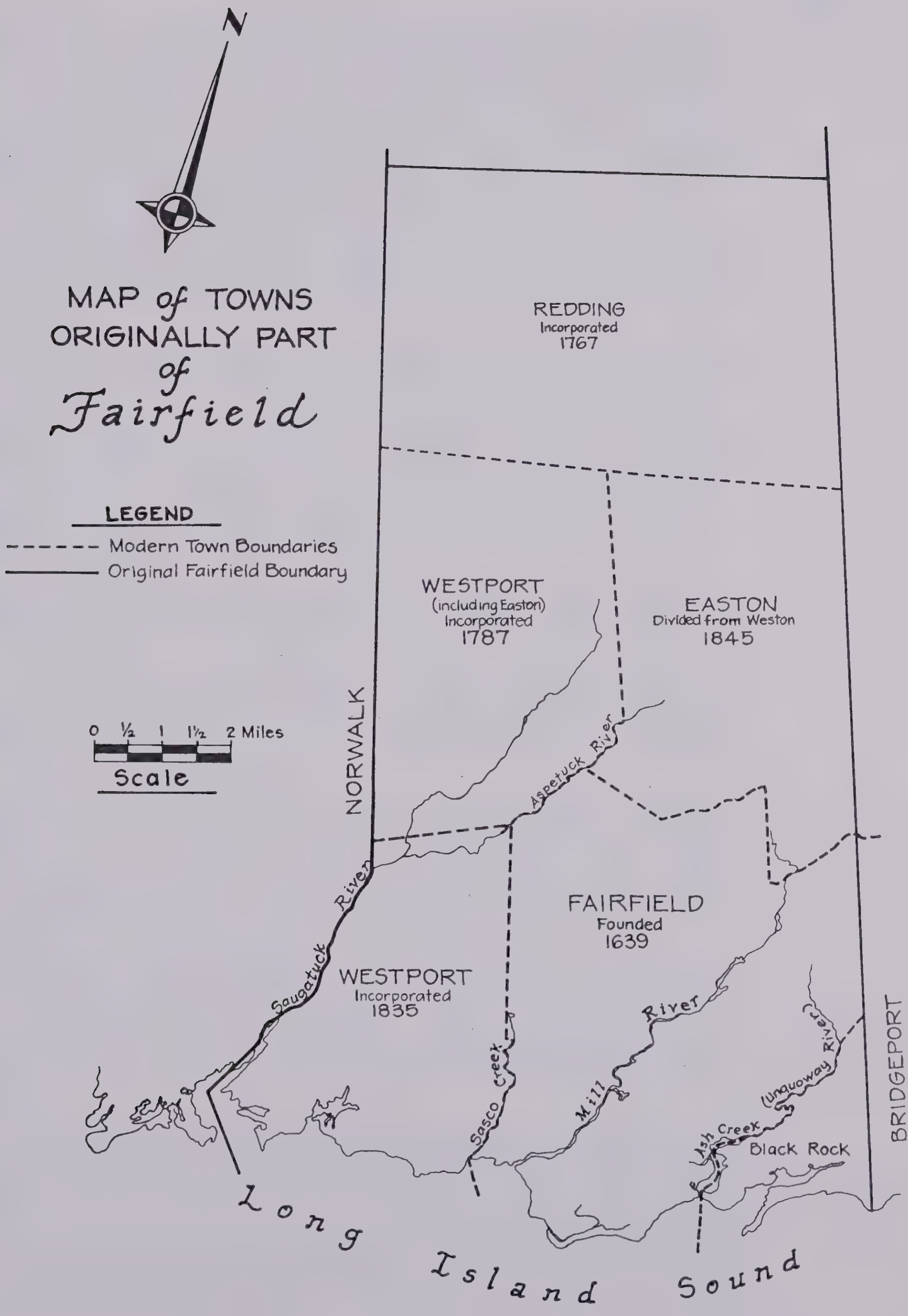
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WESTPORT
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1835
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Mill River
(Unquoway River)
Ash Creek
Black Rock
BRIDGEPORT
Long Island Sound

maritime industry quickly revived, and ships began leaving for Boston, New York, and the West Indies with the agricultural surpluses that Fairfield farmers were again producing. Flax, wheat, dairy products, and meat went to the neighboring states, especially New York. Livestock, corn, barreled meat, and lumber products were dispatched to the West Indies. Black Rock Harbor, out of which thousands of bushels of flax and grain and thousands of head of livestock were exported annually, was so busy that the town meeting established a committee "to lay and bound out the land belonging to the town at Black Rock upper wharf. . . into proper lotts for the building of wharfs and stores upon for the accomodation of such gentlemen as may choose to establish themselves in trade." The shipyards at Black Rock had developed so solid a reputation for quality work that vessels came there from all over southwestern Connecticut to be repaired or fitted out for long voyages.[3]

Samuel Smedley, his military exploits behind him, was the master of the brig *Greenfield*, a West Indian trader owned by Samuel Bradley and his sons, Zalmon and Walter, of Greenfield. Smedley sailed out of Black Rock from 1784 until 1789, carrying horses, barrel staves and hoops, corn, and oats for Hispaniola, St. François, and Turks Island. Molasses, rum, sugar, and salt typically constituted the cargo on the *Greenfield*'s return to Fairfield. Smedley abandoned the West Indian trade only when President Washington appointed him as the first customs collector for the Federal District Port of Fairfield, which included all of Fairfield County.

Mill River, which had languished during the revolution, became deeply involved in the coasting trade. By 1792 the demands on the port's facilites were so great that Fairfield granted to Eliphalet Thorp, Zalmon Bradley, Walter Bradley, and Samuel Cannon "a Water Lot at the Mouth of Mill River . . . for the purpose of building a wharf & Buildings to carry on the business of navigation." Captain Jacob White began constructing a dock on the north side of the river two years later, and in 1799 Fairfield petitioned the General Assembly for permission to establish a lottery "for the purpose of Sinking the channel of mill river harbour."[4]

The sloop *Susanah*, Captain David Banks, master, regularly sailed from Mill River to New York and beyond. On a typical voyage, the *Susanah* carried flax, corn, wheat, and barreled beef and pork to New York and returned with a whole variety of manufactured items, including cotton cloth, pots and pans and pails, nails, and shoes. Occasionally Banks would take on lumber, shingles, and clapboards in North Carolina, leaving there the country produce that Fairfield grew in such abundance.

By the 1790s, Black Rock and Mill River were busier than they had ever been. They were also competing with another port, which, although it had been of no consequence until the American Revolution, was taking more and more shipping away from them. It was located a short distance up the Pequonnock River and was known as Newfield Harbor.

First developed during the 1770s by Stephen Burroughs, Jr., Newfield had enjoyed a distinct advantage over Black Rock and especially Mill River during the revolution: the upper anchorage, three miles from the mouth of the harbor, was completely hidden from British ships that passed on Long Island Sound. Newfield became known as the safest port in southwestern Connecticut. Even so, the community that developed around the harbor, also known as Newfield, included only two stores and two small wharves and was distinctly smaller than either Mill River or Black Rock at the end of

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Ann, b. Sept. 14, 1718; m. James **MORGAN**, Apr. 7, 1736	1	130
Ann, d. Stephen & Abigail, b. Dec. 15, 1737	1	97
Ann, d. Nathan & Elizabeth, b. Sept. 25, 1741	1	137

was the daughter of the Hon. John Read, who settled at Lonetown in 1714, and a sister of Colonel John Read of the Read Manor at Reading.*

At the same time that Reading was made a parish, A Memorial, dated May 26, 1729, of Isaac Brown and the rest of the wardens and vestrymen of the Church of England was presented to the Assembly:

—"praying for redress from taxes & persecution;" & requesting "liberty to manage their own affairs as a society, according to the canons & rubrics of the Church of England;" & expressing their adherence to that Church, "let the difficulties be never so great." This petition was signed by,

Isaac Brown Benjamin Burtt	Vestrymen of Stratford.
Samuel Lyon Moses Ward	Church wardens of Fairfield.
Moses Knap Henry James Nathan Adams John Lockwood	Vestrymen of Fairfield.

The petition was rejected, and feelings of bitter resentment engendered, which in after years proved most unfortunate.

It appears that the members of the Church of England in New York took a lively interest in the condition of the churchmen of Fairfield, in consequence of which John Rodman, Samuel Bonne and Edward Burling addressed a letter to the General Assembly of Connecticut, desiring them not to imprison their brethren. They wished them to consider "that they were a distinct society of christian protestants, as well as they were, & have through the mercy of God free toleration for the exercise of their religion, and that they took care to build a meeting-house of their own, and other concerns of their religion, without being burdensome to others—therefore they think it not unreasonable for them to force any of their friends, seeing that we are all dissenters from the maternal church. They recommend that all who go out of their churches to join the Church of England be provided with certificates."†

The age of religious toleration was, however, slowly advancing. The glorious dawn of liberty had not yet shed its genial rays of light and blessing upon our beloved country; but, step by step, year by year it

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* Fairfield Parish Records. Charles Burr Todd in his History of Redding, has corrected the mistake of Mr. Barlow and Mr. Law in supposing that the original John *Read* lived and died in Reading. He removed to Boston in 1722, and his son John succeeded to his title and to the Manor at Lonetown."

† Connecticut Ecclesiastical Society Records, Vol. B.

was gaining ground, and the long looked and hoped for day was not now far distant when the vast Republic of the United States should offer a home, not only to her own people, but to those who sought her protection from all the kingdoms of the world.

The Assistants of the General Assembly were voted 4*d* per mile "for their travel to & fro from the Assembly, & 9*s*. 6*d* per diem exclusive of the Sabbath day." The representatives were allowed "7*s*. per diem & 3*d*. per mile for travel."*

On the 29th of May, "At a church-meeting in ye old Parish of Fairfield," Mr. Lothrop Lewis was chosen a Deacon of the Congregational Church by a major vote of the Brethren.

Meanwhile the Prime Ancient Society continued to flourish under the ministry of the talented Rev. Mr. Hobart.

"At ye same meeting it was voted that the worshipful Mr. John Gold should set & read the Psalm, & in case he be absent or indisposed that his brother Mr. Samuel Gold should do it."

The Assembly met at New Haven, October 9th, when an important change was made for the benefit of freemen in the several towns. Previously the names of freemen entitled to vote were enrolled in the secretary's office of the colony. As the towns increased in numbers and in population it became difficult to always make quick returns, specially from the remote towns. It was, therefore, enacted that the town clerks in each town should make a list of the freemen, which list "should be made in the open freemen's-meeting, legally assembled, by the direction of the authority & selectmen of the town." It was further enacted: "that none should be made freemen but in a regularly assembled meeting, when they should be lawfully admitted & sworn freemen, & their names enrolled by the town clerk."†

An amusing anecdote is related by one of the oldest inhabitants of Fairfield, that upon one occasion when it was suspected that a fair vote had not been rendered a town meeting was summoned, and the opposing voting parties were arranged opposite each other out upon the Military Green and duly counted.

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* Col. Rec. Conn., Vol. 7, 246.

† Col. Rec. Conn., Vol. 1725–1735, p. 259.

aforesaid vote, any two of them to have the power of the whole;—passed in the affirmative."*

It is very apparent from the terms of this grant of land that our Puritan ancestors were vigorously opposed to a Church of England being erected on the meeting-house green. In the progress of Christian good-will, however, it is a somewhat singular fact that St. Paul's Episcopal Church at the present time stands upon the meeting-house green, facing the Congregational meeting-house in undisturbed quietude from any outside influences.

The old field gate referred to in this vote separates the road from Sasco Hill to Fairfield, and lies next to the vacant lot adjoining the late Henry Rowland's estate, on which lot, until burned by the British in 1779, the new church stood. This church when completed was fifty-five feet in length, thirty-five feet in breadth and twenty feet in height, with a handsome steeple and spire of one hundred feet and a good bell of five hundred weight.

The Rev. Mr. Cornwall, in his Historical Discourse on The One Hundred and Fiftieth Anniversary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel in Foreign Parts, which he preached at Trinity Church, Southport, August 10, 1851, states:

> "The parish of Fairfield had outstripped in some respects the old parish of Stratford, & taken the position of the leading parish in this Colony:—from original papers in the office of the Secretary of State, that of six hundred & thirty-six heads of families, men & women, whose signatures were attached to a petition then presented to the Colonial Assembly from nine parishes under the care of seven missionaries, *one hundred & twenty four,* about one fifth of the whole were under the care of Mr. Caner in Fairfield & Norwalk; & of these *eighty-two,* or more than one-eighth of the whole belonged to Fairfield—& *ninety-two* were under the care of Mr. Beach, missionary of Newtown & Reading."

1739. At the meeting of the General Assembly at Hartford, on May 10th, Judge John Burr and Mr. Ebenezer Silliman were elected Assistants, and Captain Andrew Burr and Mr. Ebenezer Silliman representatives for Fairfield. Judge John Burr was also appointed Judge of the County and District Probate Court. Captain Samuel Couch, John Read and Samuel Burr were made Justices of the Peace for Fairfield County.

It was reported to the Assembly that the long controversy between the inhabitants of Danbury, Samuel Couch, Daniel Chapman, Thomas Nash, Samuel Gold and Hezekiah Gold, in regard to the south bounds of Danbury and the land adjoining, which had been granted and patented to Captain Couch and his associates, had been amicably settled. The Assembly accepted and confirmed the boundaries fixed upon.*

The summer of 1739 heralded the one hundredth anniversary of the settlement of the town of Fairfield. Contrasting the first, small, rude meeting-house, which was of ample size to hold the entire population of the early settlement, with the churches which had sprung out of the Prime Ancient Society at Stratfield, Green's Farms, Greenfield, Reading, Newtown and New Fairfield our forefathers must have been led to exclaim: "The Lord hath increased & multiplied his people exceedingly! Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: & thy paths drop fatness. . . . They drop upon the pastures of the wilderness; & the little hills rejoice on every side. The pastures are clothed with flocks; the valleys also are covered over with corn; they shout for joy, also they sing. . . . As the eagle stirreth up her nest, fluttering over her young, spreadeth abroad her wings, taketh them, beareth them on her wings: so the Lord alone did lead him, & there was no strange God with him. . . . Let the wilderness & the cities thereof lift up *their voice.* . . . Let the inhabitants of the rocks sing, let them shout from the top of the mountains."

The pioneer sons and daughters of toil and privation had laid the foundations of a good work, and had been gathered Home to receive the reward of their labors; and now their grandchildren and their children's children are found blessed in all the prosperity of one of the most thriving and influential towns in the colony of Connecticut.

The first care of those who received this goodly inheritance appears to have been to honor the Lord by making the houses erected to His glory as comfortable and beautiful as their means permitted.

> "At a church meeting of Christ's Church Fairfield held May 31, 1739, Mr. Lothrop Lewis & Mr. Samuel Rowland were chosen deacons. It was also voted that Mr. Lothrop Lewis & Mr. Samuel Rowland be a committee of the Church to take an account of Church stock, which was in the hands of Deacon Dimon.—Notes of Rev. Noah Hobart, Pastor."

In December following Mr. Edward Lewis of Stratford and John Betts of Norwalk were appointed a committee to see and give their opinion whether the meeting-house at Fairfield was worth repairing. They undoubtedly thought it was, and the major part of the society evi-

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* Fairfield Town Votes.

* Col. Rec. Conn., Vol. VIII, p. 248.

had their church destroyed, but the sacred silver service and parish records were also lost. It is said that on the Sunday after the burning of the town, services were held in the house of Mr. Abraham Bulkley, one of the three houses on the east side of the Meeting-house Green, which had been saved from fire. The Rev. Mr. John Sayre, having suffered imprisonment and afterwards confined within the county limits, on account of his attachment to the British government, having appeared before his house with a flag of truce, hoping as a royalist to receive protection from the English, again risked the indignation of the townsmen. With a wife and eight children, he threw himself on the mercy and protection of General Tryon, and was permitted to sail on one of the enemy's ships to New York.

Mr. Sayre thus wrote from Flushing, L. I., November 8, 1779, to the Secretary of the Society for the Propagation of the Gospel:

"On the 7th day of July last Major-General Tryon landed at Fairfield with a body of his Majesty's troops, and took possession of the town and its environs, the greater part of the inhabitants having tackled their teams and removed what they could on his approach. This cut off all hopes from the few Loyalists of saving any part of their effects if the town should be burnt, every carriage being taken away. The General was so kind, however, as to order me a guard to protect my house and some others in its vicinity, when he had resolved to commit the rest of the town to flames; for, as I had already hinted, I had determined to remain at home. But the ungovernable flames soon extended to them all, and in a few minutes left me with a family consisting of my wife and eight children, destitute of food, house and raiment. Thus reduced, I could not think of remaining in a place where it would have been impossible to have clothed and refurnished my family. Therefore, availing myself of the protection afforded by the present opportunity (from the want of carriages) to save anything out of the house, the valuable little library given me by the Society, was burnt, together with my own; and the Plate belonging to Trinity Church at Fairfield was lost, as well as that of my family; and that handsome Church itself was entirely consumed.

"The people of that Mission met with a heavy stroke in the loss of their Church, Parsonage-house, plate, books, etc., not to mention myself, their unworthy minister. My own loss includes my little all; but what I most regret is my absence from my flock, to which my heart was and still is most tenderly attached. I trust, however, that the Great Shepherd of the Sheep will keep them in His own tuition and care. I bless the Lord for hat, through all my trials, I have endeavored to keep a conscience void of offence to-vards God and towards man, continually striving to discharge my duties to my Master, ny King and my people; and am bound to thank the Lord daily, for that divine protection, that tranquility of mind, and that peace of conscience, which, through His grace, I iave all along enjoyed."

Mr. Sayre also related in his letter that while a prisoner on bounds, ie ceased to use all parts of the liturgy which referred to the King, royal amily and the mother country, confining himself "to reading from the

Old & New Testaments & the Psalms, & expounding either parts of the catechism, or some passages of holy Scripture."*

The unhappy residents of Fairfield bravely endured the loss of their homes, and temporarily improved out-buildings, raised simple structures or built upon old sites. Many of those who lost their homes and were subject at all times to be plundered by the enemy, removed to Greenfield, Redding, Norfield or Weston and Easton, or settled upon the long-lots which they had inherited from their forefathers. Their spirits had not been crushed, as the British expected; on the contrary, a keen bitterness and resentment filled their hearts, and they preferred death to surrendering to so cruel a foe. Men who stand ready to fight a foe are willing to await the result in battle encountered face to face, man against man, but when the sacredness of their homes are invaded, their wives and children abused, insulted and left homeless by wanton destruction, the tender spirit of love for them is roused to a death struggle with such a foe, in which no compromise is to be expected.

On the 20th of July the citizens of Fairfield met in town meeting, when it was

"Voted that Jonathan Lewis, Thaddeus Burr, George Burr, Samuel Wakeman, Jonathan Sturges, Esq., Messrs. Joseph Wakeman, Richard Hubbell, Jr., Daniel Duncan & David Silliman be a committee to put about subscriptions to raise a sum of money, as a reward for any person or persons that shall captivate or take prisoner General William Tryon, who commanded the British troops when they burnt this town on the seventh and eighth days of this July instant. And the said committee issue a proclamation offering such reward as shall be subscribed for that purpose." A committee was also appointed "to wait upon Col. Jonathan Dimon & desire 25 men to keep guard at Green's Farms, & 15 men to keep guard at Stratfield; also to request him to appoint such men as are friendly to the interests of the United States of America."

On August 5th Governor Trumbull, with the advice of the Council of Safety, issued a Brief for calling contributions for the relief of the sufferers at New Haven, Norwalk and Fairfield.†

The patriotic ladies of Fairfield redoubled their efforts to assist the Sons of Liberty to crush the British cause. No homespun was ever woven with greater skill or cheerfulness; no spinning-wheel ever spun

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* Hist. Prot. Episcopal Church, by Bishops Perry and Hawkes, Vol. 2, pp. 204–209. The mistake has often been made of confusing the Rev. John Sayre with his brother, Rev. James Sayre. The latter was stationed over the churches of Newport, R. I., Woodbury and Stratford, Conn., but he had never had charge of the Fairfield parish.—Hist. Discourse of Trinity Church, Fairfield, Conn., by Rev. N. E. Cornwall, 1851.

† Rec. State Conn., 2, 447.

Boston & New York in 1697. It is copied (original orthography followed) from a New York almanac for that year which, the preface says, is the first almanac ever made in the province of New York. You will see that the route in 1697 is nearly identical with that adopted in 1853 by the recently proposed *"new through railroad line from New York to Boston,"* the projectors of which seem (for railroad people) to have a remarkable regard for the footsteps of their ancestors.

The reader will bear in mind that this route was in 1697 only practicable for travelers upon horseback, who usually accompanied the post rider.

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No. II

FAIRFIELD

The testimony of Mary Beers, wife to Reuben Beers of Fairfield, of lawful age, is as follows; viz.:

That about one of the clock succeeding the 7th inst. a picket of Hessians in General Garth's division broke into our house & thereupon I came out of the cellar with two small children & a negro child, & on opening the cellar door, they cried out, Kill her, kill her, & came at me with a number of fixed bayonets: I begged & intreated, implored & prayed, to spare my life & run back down cellar & opened the out cellar door & went into the door yard, with the afores^{d} three children, & I found there a number of enemy with an officer: I expostulated with them, I told the officer that my husband was sick, & had not been out for two days then past, that he was a sick man & in bed, when they came to the house, that he was not in arms, & begged his life & property, whereupon the capt. said he was not killed but was a prisoner: whereupon I applied to the gen^{l} as I supposed, who was a Hessian called: I asked protection for myself, children, & property, & release of my husband. Said Hessian general & a colonel said my husband should be used well, that my person, children, house & property should be safe, but said he (the gen^{l} laying his hand on the head of my little babe) Poor child I pity you, I cannot spare your house it must be burnt: thereupon up came the officer of those who first broke into the house, & he said, Go woman in haste you may perhaps put the fire out of your house: & I went protected by a guard who behaved decently, & I found my house effectually plundered of linnen by them, & great destruction of moveables in the house, & I extinguish'd the fire. Whereupon I went to the house of David Beers who to my knowledge was in peace at home with his wife & family, & they enter'd the s^{d} house with violence, & took Mr. Beers prisoner, & plunder'd his house, & pretended that he had fired out of his house but it was groundless; & in the morning, without distinction, they burnt his house & shop, & all moveables left in them. Their behaviour was like distracted or mad men, & pretended many of them not to speak English. And further saith not.

Mary Beers.

Fairfield July 24th 1779, Personally appeared Mary Beers above named & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. P.

Reuben Beers above named personally appear'd & made oath that he agrees with the above named Mary Beers, his wife, in all the parts of her narrative so far as he is knowing & adds that by the intreat & request of David Beers aforenam'd on application to Gen^{l} Tryon, & his own request & information that he had a large family of small children & wife, that he supposed his house & property was destroyed, the gen^{l} at the place of embarkation released him.

Sworn before me Andrew Rowland Jus. P.

The testimony of Abigail Bulkley, wife of Josiah Bulkley of lawful age is as follows, viz.:

That the enemy on their coming to the west end of the town, on the night of the 7th inst. they enquired after my husband. I told them that he was out of the town & was not under arms, however they plundered my house of almost all the moveables in it. I with Mrs. Beardsley who was supposed to be in travel & the officers there behaved decently to me, & by the aid & assistance of one of them, I saved my house, & some trifle of furniture from flames. It appeared to me that there was a number of Hessians at liberty to act without restraint, & further saith not.

Abigail $\overset{\text{her}}{\underset{\text{mark}}{X}}$ Bulkley Jun^{r}.

SS. Fairfield July 23d 1779.

Personally appeared Abigail Bulkley above named & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Jane Bulkley wife to Andrew Bulkley of lawful age is as follows, viz.:

That when the enemy entered the town of Fairfield that part of the army under the command of General Garth were stationed in the westerly part of the town & a number of officers & men came to my house, & received such refreshment as they required, & said that persons who staid in their houses, should be safe in person & property, & at their request I went & milked my cow & gave them the milk, whereupon the cow was led away by them & killed; my house was fir'd five times & I extinguished it. The men were at full liberty & behaved with great licentiousness. I heard a number of under officers at my door, say that before morning every house would be laid in ashes, that we should not fare so well as New Haven: they plundered my house, stripped my buckles out of my shoes, & abused me with insulting language. Their officers had not or did not exercise command over them, so as in the least to restrain them. They continued burning houses & barns the whole night. I had a protection from General Garth by word & he ordered a guard for me but it served only to save my property 'till daylight, & then my house was plundered & attempted to be burnt. The latter part of the night the soldiers appear'd to be in drink, they plunder'd a plenty of spirituous liquors. And further saith not.

Jane Bulkley.

Fairfield July 24th 1779.

Fairfield July 24th 1779.

Personally appeared Jane Bulkley & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Eunice Burr wife of Thaddeus Burr Esq. respecting the proceedings of the enemy at Fairfield on the 7th & 8th days of July 1779, is as followeth viz.

On Wednesday morning between 9 & 10 o'clock the 7th July some friends came in

& appeared to be a principal hand in burning. I escaped from the conflagration of the town in the morning & concealed myself in a wet ditch & miry swamp. The soldiers generally appeared to be in a great panic thro' the night, & exceeding afraid that the rebels as they called us would be upon the(m) in the morning early.

Ann Nichols.

Fairfield County ss Fairfield July 21st 1779.

Personally appeared the above named Mrs. Ann Nichols & made oath to the truth of the same.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Lucretia Readfield wife to John Readfield of Fairfield of lawful age is as follows, viz.

That in the evening succeeding the 7th of inst. July the enemy under command of Gen^{l} Tryon came to my house & there found me with one child peaceably at home: three officers enquired of me for my husband. I told them he was from home & could not say whether under arms or not, whereupon they said one of their men had just before been taken prisoner near this house, & order'd the house to be fired, which was accordingly done, & I extinguish'd it. Whereupon night came on & thro' the whole night the soldiers went where they pleased and did as they pleased, without any restraint from their officers so far as I could observe, & they came to my house & abused me with abusive & insulting language, carriage & behaviour: They destroyed the furniture in the house, & attempted, with threats & promises, to prevail upon me to yield to their unchaste & unlawful desires. I obstinately denied them my body: three men then & there appeared intent to compass their wicked design, seized me & dragged me to the bed & attempted violence, but thanks to God there appeared that instant to come two persons who rescued me from their violence, one of whom told me he had been a prisoner in this town, & that he had received great civility from the inhabitants, & that he had an opinion of their being a worthy kind people, & those two persons protected me thro' the remainder of the night. My house was fir'd four times that night & next morning, & every time I extinguish'd it with great danger, & saved it & also a shop. Our mother Mrs. Readfield is an aged woman & wido. She lived in the house & was in peace at home. She was much insulted & abused, her cloaths were pulled indecently & her buckles stripped out of her shoes, her pockets violently seized & rifled, & the house in general rifled & plundered. And further this deponent saith not.

Lucretia Readfield.

SS. Fairfield July 21st 1779.

Personally appear'd Lucretia Readfield the above deponent, & made solemn oath to the truth of the above deposition.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Ruana Roberson of lawful age, & wife of John Roberson of Fairfield is as follows, viz.

When the enemy on the evening of the 7th inst. first came into the westerly end of this town, I soon left my house & went to a neighbour's, which I heard was guarded, & there I found the general & a great number of officers, & one Mrs. Beardsley who belonged to the house was there, & pregnant, & appeared to be in travel. All the officers appeared disposed to treat her, & her assistance with decency, & in the course of the night, I often heard the officers & the general say, there should not be left a house or barn standing in the town by, or in the morning: there was but few soldiers in the house & they employed in waiting on tables, & they spared that dwelling house on account of Mrs. Beardsley, who was supposed to be in labour. They said the Commissioners made offers of peace & the Americans refused to accept them, & that their orders was to burn all, & I understood the orders was from England: they said they would burn the church for that it was not the Church of England nor had it been since the war, for the professors did not comply with the articles of the Church of England. The Hessians appeared active in plundering & burning, & seemed not to understand English. I was at sundry houses where they came & plundered & they gave to understand they pursued orders. And further saith not.

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Ruana J Roberson.
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Fairfield July 22d 1779.

Personally appeared Ruana Roberson & made oath to the truth of the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

The testimony of Isabella Trubee wife of Ansel Trubee of Fairfield is as follows, viz. That when the enemy on the night of the 7th inst. came to the westerly end of the town they appeared to be generally Hessians, & I concealed myself with two children in the cellar under the dwelling house of uncle David Beers, & there continued untill the enemy set fire to the house. Mr. Beers afores^{d} was at home with his wife & daughter & some grandchildren in peace & about his lawful business, they seized him & made him prisoner, my aunt, his wife, told them he was unarm'd & had not shot a gun she supposed within thirty years, & thereupon they set fire to the house & burnt it down, & also his shop & all therein. About this time my father Mr. Jos^{h} Beers came a few rods out of his house where he had been all day, in peace with my mother, & he was captivated by the Hessians & remains in captivity, & his house & barn was burnt & property destroyed. Mr. David Beers has since returned & says he was released at their embarkation.

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Isabella | Trubee.
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SS. Fairfield July 23d 1779.

Personally appeared Isabella Trubee abovesd & made oath to the above.

Before me Andrew Rowland Jus. Ps.

Rec. State Conn., Vol. II. pp. 546-553.

No. III

The committee appointed by the General Assembly in October 1779 to appraise the losses of each individual who had suffered by the conflagration & depredations of the enemy in Fairfield on the 7th & 8th of July made the following returns, Dated at Fairfield April 27th 1780.

DAMAGE SUSTAINED IN THE TOWN OF FAIRFIELD.

Account of the losses sustained in the town of Fairfield by the British, valued as in the year 1774.

At Greens Farms—The meeting house & bell, £600; Rev. Mr. Ripley's house & barn,

£300, also clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £114:2:6; Nathan Godfrey's house, barn, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £362:18; Grummond Morehouse's house, barn, provisions, &c., £80:4:5; Doct. Ebenezer Jessup's house, barn, corn house, furniture, provisions, &c., £421:2:6; Simon Couch's house, barn, provisions, furniture, &c., £224:12; Widow Eunice Morehouse's house, barn, clothing, furniture, &c., £103:6; Ebenezer Morehouse's house, barn & provisions, &c., £122:7:2; George Batterson's house, furniture, &c., £53:11; John Davis' house, furniture, provisions, clothing, &c., £58:16; Abraham Andrews' house, barn, store, clothing, furniture, &c., £468:10:5; Widow Sarah Andrews' house, barn, clothing, provisions, &c., £156:14; Jessup Wakeman's house, barn, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £194:18; Gideon Morehouse's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £73:14; John Morehouse's barn, &c., £253:19; Moss Kent's house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, &c., £316:2.

At The Old Society of Fairfield—Stephen Thorp's house, barn, store-house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £746:17; Aaron Jennings' store-house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £91:19; Eliphalet Thorp's house, barn, storehouse, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £639; Increase Bradley's house, storehouse, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c., £150; Jonathan Darrow's house, barn, clothing, & provisions, &c., £306:9; Samuel Sturges' house, shop, provisions, furniture, &c., £280:3:3; James Bulkley, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £18:4; Moss Bulkley's house, £40; David Beers' house, shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £196:3; Joseph Beers' house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £132:12; Reuben Beers' house, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £530:6; Nathaniel Pierson's house, clothing &c., £90; Samuel Beers' house, clothing, provision, furniture &c., £141:19:7; Solomon Sturges' house, barn, store, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £270; David Barlow's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £387:12:6; Jabez Thorp's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £181:13; Samuel Burr's house, barn, shop, furniture, provisions &c., £761:7:5; Hezekiah Sturges' house, two barns, a shop, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £819:1:5; The heirs of Benjamin Osborn, a house, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £186:13:6; Daniel Graham's barn, provisions, furniture, clothing &c., £20; The heirs of Joseph Sturges, a house, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £400; The heirs of Peter Bulkley, a house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture &c., £118:17; Ansel Trubee's house, furniture, clothing & provisions, £111:6; Jonathan Sturges' house, barn, store-house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £759:2:6; William Lovejoy, house of Doct. Forgue, £160; The widow & heirs of Seth Osborn, two houses, a store, provisions, clothing & furniture, £553:7:6; Seth Sturges' house, barn, furniture, provisions & clothing, £453; Samuel Smedley's two houses, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £795; Stephen Jennings' house, barn, provisions, furniture & clothing, £279, David Jennings' house, shop, provisions, furniture & clothing, £310:10; Widow Elizabeth Sturges' house, clothing, provisions, & furniture, £100; The heirs of Andrew Jennings' house, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £255:17:6; John Smedley's two houses, clothing, provisions, &c., £792:18; The widow & heirs of Gershom Burr, a house, furniture, clothing, provisions, &c., £556:9:6, Ebenezer Wakeman's house, furniture, provisions, & clothing, £141:17:11; The Episcopal Society in Fairfield, a house & barn, £195; The heirs of Col. David Burr, house, barn, &c., clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £427:11:6., Andrew Rowland's house, barn, store, clothing, furniture, & provisions, £475; Hezekiah Nichol's house, barn, shop, furniture, provisions & clothing, £524:6; Joseph Squire's shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £424:4:7; Samuel Rowland's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £522:2:2; Widow Cutler's house, £30; Wakeman Burr's house, shop, furniture, clothing, & provisions, £456:12:11; William Dimon's house, shop, barn, clothing, furniture & provisions, £754:18:11; Thomas Hill's house, barn, corn-house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £330; Doct. John Allens' house, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £830; Jonathan Lewis' house, four barns, store, corn-house, three out-houses, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £973:13:6; Thaddeus Burr's house, barn, store, out-houses, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £1,590:19:8; Widow Ann Dimon's house, barn, & two out-houses, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c., £386:7:9; David Allen's two houses, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £551:18:2; Samuel Penfield's house, barn, shop, out-house, stable, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £1,120:10; Jonathan Maltbie's house damaged, £1:10, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £47:7; Doct. Nathaniel Lathrop, a house occupied by William Elliott, £180; Rev. Mr. Elliott's clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £365:1:2; Capt. Job Bartram's house, shop, two barns, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £1.210:3:8; Thomas Hanford Wakeman's house, barn, furniture, clothing, provisions, &c. £197:8; Doct. Francis Forgue, a barn & appendages, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £454; Widow Abigail Hubbell's house, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £214:16:6; Maj. Elijah Abel's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, & c. £691:2:10; Stephen Turney's house damaged, two barns, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £94:5:10; The heirs of Ebenezer Burr, a house damaged £10; Abel Gold, a barn, clothing, provisions & furniture, £124; John Parsott's house, provisions, clothes, furniture, &c. £136:6:6; Eleazer Osborn, Jr's house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £211:9:4; The widow of Col. Gold, house, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £282:15; Edward Budington, (property of Samuel Squire,) house, £80, clothing, provisions, &c. the property of said Budington, £57:8:10; John Wasson, a house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £220; Capt. Ebenezer Bartram's house, £200; Samuel Squire, Jr., clothing, provisions, &c. £80:18:6; Abraham Parrot, clothing, provisions, &c. £4:11; Daniel Osborn's house, clothing, furniture & provisions, £246:15:6; George Allen's house, barn, shop, clothing, provisions & furniture, £316:9; Thomas Staples' house, barn, clothing, provisions & furniture, £294:2:2; Moses Jennings' house, barn, shop, clothing, provisions, &c. £697:13:6; Isaac Jennings' house, barn, shop, provisions, furniture, clothing, &c. £409:7:10; Peter Burr's house, barn, store, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £377:0:9; Anthony Anabel, a house & shop, £60; Widow Rebecca Jennings' house, £80, barn, £15, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £47:17; Peter Hendricks' house, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £392; Andrew Wakeman's house, clothing, &c. £252:18; Seth Smith's house, clothing, &c. £56:7; The Widow Smith's house, provisions, furniture, &c. £41:0:6; Joseph Smith's clothing, provisions, ———; Widow Hannah Taylor's house, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £45:4; Widow Mary Penfield's house, barn, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. £135; John Turney's two houses, barn, clothing, furniture, provisions, &c. £509:10; Capt. Samuel Squire's house, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £518:6:4; Jeremiah Jennings' house, provisions, clothing, furniture, &c. £220:8; The gaol & gaoler's houses, £500, clothing, provisions, furniture, &c. ——; The County house, £1,000; Two school houses, £115; The meeting-house, £1,200; The Episcopal church, £500; Nathan Thompson Nichol's house, £80, shop, £10, clothing, &c. £5:10.

Total—97 dwelling houses, 67 barns, 48 stores, 2 school houses, 1 county house, 2 meeting houses & 1 Episcopal church. Damage was done to other individuals not mentioned aforesaid, to the amount of £1,855:3:2; by the destruction of personal property, a large share of which was owned by widows & other females.*

In May, 1787, Fairfield & the adjoining towns which had suffered from the attacks of the British, petitioned the General Assembly for the third time for a just remuneration of their losses. A final reply to these petitions was made in the following manner:

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* State Records Conn., 1780. Hinman's War of Revolution, pp. 616-618.

Lands Given The Sufferers For Losses Sustained During The War.

Upon a memorial in 1791 of the inhabitants of the towns of Fairfield & Norwalk, in Fairfield County, the great losses occasioned by the devastations of the British during the war were shown to the General Assembly; on which they prayed for remuneration from the State. A committee was appointed by the Legislature, in May, 1791, to ascer-ain from documents in the public offices, the losses, not only of the memorialists, but of thers who had been sufferers under similar circumstances, that had been estimated in onformity to previous acts of the Assembly, such as had been occasioned by incursions f the enemy during the war. The Assembly, therefore, in May, 1792, by a resolution eleased & quit-claimed, to the sufferers, named on the State record, or to their legal repre-entatives, if deceased, & to their heirs & assigns forever, 500,000 acres of land, owned by onnecticut, situated west of Pennsylvania, bounded north on Lake Erie, beginning at the vest line of said lands, & extending eastward to a line running northerly & southerly arallel to the east line of said tract of land owned by this State, & extending the whole vidth of said lands, & easterly so far as to comprise said quantity of 500,000 acres (exclu-ive of former grants to sufferers, if any) to be divided among said sufferers & their legal epresentatives, in proportion to the several sums annexed to their names on record which land is located in Huron County, in the State of Ohio).

The following sums were allowed to the sufferers in the several towns hereafter amed, viz.:—Sufferers in Greenwich, £12,291 : 14 : 0¼; sufferers in Norwalk, £26,066 : 0 : 1; *ufferers in Fairfield*, £23,893 : 12 : 8.

Additional losses sustained by several inhabitants of Fairfield, in the enemy's expe-ition to Danbury, viz.:—£1,436 : 10 : 11; in Danbury £8,303 : 17 : 10¼; in New Haven & ast Haven £16,912 : 16 : 6; in New London, £42,062 : 13 : 7; in Ridgefield, £1,730 : 1 : 10.

The sums advanced to Ridgefield by grants of the Assembly were deducted, & the et balances allowed.

To sufferers in Groton, £7,719 : 12 : 2.

Whole amount of losses allowed to the sufferers by the grant of said lands, being 51,606 : 8 : 8½.*

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* State Records Conn., 1791. Hinman's War of Revolution, p. 627.

GENEALOGICAL

HULL

The name of Dr. David Hull also is one of affectionate remembrance to the inhabitants of Fairfield, among whom he was the leading physician for many years. "Dr. Hull was the son of Joseph Hull of Derby & was born 1764. He graduated at Yale College, & studied medicine under Dr. William Eustice of Boston. He married a daughter of the Rev. Dr. Andrew Eliot of Boston Nov. 10. 1789, & settled at Fairfield where he died in 1834, aged 70." Dr. Hull was a brother of Gov. William Hull of Massachusetts, & Uncle to Commodore Isaac Hull of the United States Frigate "Constitution." A daughter of Dr. Hull, Miss Eliza Hull, resided in the new house on the corner of the green, the memorable home before the Revolution of her Uncle the Rev. Andrew Eliot.

HUMPHRY

The Rev. Herman Humphry was elected the successor of Mr. Eliot. He was ordained April 16, 1807, & was settled at Fairfield on a salary of six hundred dollars a ear. He was the first pastor of this church who did not remain in his office during his ministry. On the 15. of May, 1817, after having been pastor of the society for ten years, he resigned the parish & was settled as pastor of the first church in Pittsfield, Mass. Not long after this he became President of Amherst College, an office which he filled with distinguished success. Dr. Humphry died in Pittsfield in 1861. He left several hildren who occupied positions of honor & influence. He was succeeded by the Rev. Nathaniel Hewit, D.D.

LAMSON

The Rev. Joseph Lamson of Stratford succeeded the Rev. Mr. Caner in 1747. He ad been educated at Yale College, & was a convert from the Congregational church. He went to England for Episcopal ordination, & upon his return first preached at Bedford & New Castle in the province of New York, & also at Ridgefield in Connecticut. The arish of Norfield, now called Weston & Easton, had by this time erected a church of 's own. The parish at Stratfield also had erected a church upon the Plain of Pequonnuc short distance east of the grove near the new cemetery, the number of families by this ime having increased to about twenty-five. By these changes the parish of Fairfield was educed in limits to the villages of Greens Farms, Greenfield, & Southport, or Mill River. The parishes of Stratfield & Norfield, however, continued under the care of the Rev. Mr. Lamson who preached once a month at Stratfield, & at Norfield, giving them besides as much of his time as his parish at Fairfield would allow. He was an able & ccomplished scholar, a devoted and enthusiastic churchman, greatly beloved among his eople. He had studied medicine & made his early profession as a physician contribute oward his support.

The Rev. Joseph Lamson m. Alethea d. of Rev. James Wetmore of Rye, N. Y., July 5. 1747. Their children were Anna b. May 18. 1748 & d. July 10, 1753; Alethea b. Oct. 27. 749; Esther b. Feb. 25. 1751; William Oct. —— 1752; Anna b. Jan. 28. 1754; Elizabeth b. May 5. 1756.—*Fairfield Book of Births, Marriages & Deaths.*

The Rev. Mr. Lamson d. Aug. 12. 1773; & is believed to have been buried in Burial Hill Cemetery where Mrs. Lamson was buried, & who d. Feb. 8. 1766 aged 44 years. Their eldest d. Anna was also buried in this cemetery by the side of her mother; but there is nothing to mark Mr. Lamson's grave.—*Mrs. B. Perry's Old Burying Ground of Fairfield.*

The Rev. Joseph Lamson appears to have m. again, as in his will dated June 1. 1773, he mentions wife Mary, to whom he gives £10 & all the household furniture she brought with her. He mentions Esther w. of Stephen Hoyt; Anna wife of Samuel Belden, sons William & John; & d—'s Elizabeth & Alethea.

LABORIE

Dr. James Laborie of Stratford purchased of Isaac Jennings of Fairfield May 14. 1718, one & one quarter acres of land near the rocks, with a stone house an orchard & fences; "bounded on all sides with the commons." *Fairfield Town Records Vol. 3. p. 302.* Before removing to Fairfield he had married Mary, the daughter of Nathaniel Burr, the youngest son of John Burr Sr. In his will dated March 17. 1731, he gives to his son James all his surgical instruments & all his French writings. To his son John, "if he comes again," he gave five shillings; to his daughter Anna six shillings; to his daughter Jeanne five pounds; to his daughter Mary ten pounds; to his grandson John Laborie his gun. His movable estate he gave to his widow Mary, & the use of his real estate; & at her death the use of it to his son James until he became of age, when he was to receive it. Dr. Laborie died at Fairfield. Fairfield Town & Probate Records.

Dr. James Laborie, son of the above Dr. James Laborie married Deborah (probably Lewis) & resided at Stratford where he practiced medicine. He died & was buried at Stratford in the year 1773. His widow received "one third of his real estate at Stratford & in Ripton Parish, bounded westerly by her own land." John Cable of Greens Farms m. Ann Laborie of Stratford May 3. 1756.

McKENSEY

Dougal McKensey, after whom Kensey's Point was named, married Sarah Wakeman widow of Samuel Wakeman 2. & daughter of Joshua Knowles of Fairfield, Nov. 18. 1696. Their children were Abigail b. Aug. 4. 1700 & died; John b. Oct. 18. 1701; Daniel April 30. 1703; Ann Feb. 7. 1905; Elizabeth b. 29. Sept. 1706; Mary b. Oct. 10. 1708 & Samuel Oct. 8. 1710. His daughter Sarah m. David Thompson; Ann married the Rev. Henry Caner, & Elizabeth m. ——— Bostwick.

Upon the marriage of his daughter Ann to the Rev. Henry Caner, he gave half an acre of land to Henry Caner in his home lot. This lot is opposite the present post-office at Fairfield.

Upon his death Dougal McKensey willed to Trinity Church one hundred pounds in real estate in Fairfield, "to be used for the support of the church," as the Rector & vestry should deem most proper"; & that all his real estate should be taxed according to his just proportion, for the support of the minister of Trinity Church.

Fairfield Parish & Town & Probate Records.

NOUGEIERE

Anthony Nougeiere, who was probably a Frenchman, is represented by a notary of London, England, 11 July, 1694, "although born beyond the seas," to be a legal resident

of England with all the rights of native born subjects of that Kingdom. Upon his taking up his residence in Fairfield, he presented his English papers of naturalization before Judge Nathan Gold April 17th 1705. He purchased in Fairfield housing & land of Robert Lord valued at £45 in silver money, & other lands in 1703 & 1705. He died 23rd Oct. 1740. In his will dated Oct. 7th 1740, he mentions wife Sarah, to whom he left the use of all his estate personal & real, & the services of his negro woman Elizabeth during her life, if she remained faithful to his wife, otherwise she should be sold after his death. After the decease of his wife he left the use of £150, to the Rector & Tutors of Yale College & their successors forever; to Rev. Noah Hobart & to his successors in the ministry of the same persuasion £200; to the public school near the meeting-house, towards the support of the master of said school & his successors, £150; to his beloved friend Capt. Thomas Hill & his heirs, his homestead in Fairfield, buildings & land adjoining; to the French Church in Boston, Mass. £100; to the poor of the town of Fairfield the annual use & profit of £150 forever; to his servant girl Ann her freedom at the age of eighteen & £150; to his loving cousin Auranth of New Port R. I. the remainder of his estate. He made Major Andrew Burr & Capt. Thomas Hill his executors.*

His widow died in 1743. In her will she leaves to her beloved son Andrew Wheeler £150 bills of credit old currency.

To her well beloved son Benjamin Fairweather she willed a dwelling house, barn & thirteen acres at Stratfield.

To the children of Katherine (the late wife of Peter Hubbell of Newton, deceased) she gave £20 in old bills of credit to each upon their arriving at age.

To her well beloved daughter Mary, the wife of John Holberton, a parcel of land at Rosster of about nine acres, her best bed, bedstead, iron curtain-rods, green rug, quilt & furniture of s'd bed, chest of drawers, oval & tea table; largest & smallest silver cups, & silver porringer.

To her daughter Abiah, the wife of John Cornwall, £200 in bills of credit old currency, her gold necklace & one silver cup.

To her two daughters Penelope the wife of Richard Hubbell, & Sarah the wife of Daniel Morrisse she willed each a silver cup.

To her granddaughter Hannah, the daughter of her son Joseph Fairweather deceased, she gave £20 equivalent to bills of old currency.

To her children John, Thomas, Penelope, Sarah & Mary the remainder of her estate to be equally divided between them.

To her son John, Penelope & Sarah she willed land at Tashua. To Penelope she willed three acres of land at Stratfield purchased of Ephraim Hubbell & lying between her brush and Richard Hubbell's & the land of Temperance Hubbell.

Lt. David Sherman junr. of Stratfield was appointed her sole executor.†

No. 8

ROWLAND

Mr. David Rowland, son of Samuel Rowland, first married Mrs. Deborah Sloss Dec. 1. 1745. Their children were:

Esther b. Sept 17. 1746 & d. Sept 25. 1748.

Deborah wife to David Rowland died Sept. 29, 1748, in the 36th year of her age.

David Rowland married Elizabeth Hill daughter of Capt. Thomas Hill Feb. 14, 1750

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* Fairfield Probate Records.

† Fairfield Probate Records.

Their children were

Esther b. Oct. 29, 1751.

Mrs. Elizabeth Rowland died July 18. 1753.

This only surviving child Esther married Captain Samuel Smedley.—Register of Births, Marriages & Deaths—Fairfield Town Records.*

A member of the Rowland family of London informed the author of this history that the Rowlands were of Welsh extraction, & that the name of Henry Rowland came from a marriage between a Rowland & Mathew Henry of Broad Oak, Flintshire, Wales, whose chief work is the Exposition of the Old & New Testament, 1708-10.

SHELTON

After the burning of Trinity Church, Fairfield, by the British, the services of the Church of England were held at the house of Abraham Bulkley Esqr. opposite the Meeting-house Green, & at John Sherwood's at Greenfield Hill & Hezekiah Sturges' at Mill Plain. At a meeting of the wardens & vestry of the church Sept. 1779, at the residence of Mr. John Sherwood of Greenfield Hill, a committee was appointed to hire Mr. Philo Shelton as a lay reader, in which office he continued until his ordination. He was one of four young men first ordained in the United States by Bishop Seabury at Middletown, Conn. Aug. 3. 1785, Bishop Seabury having been the first American bishop, consecrated to that office in Scotland Nov. 4. 1784. From this time he took full charge of Trinity Church & the missionary labors with which it was connected.

Dr. Shelton had not only the honor but pleasure of introducing the first Book of Common Prayer, after it had been revised from that of the Church of England by the Convention of the Episcopal Church held in Philadelphia Oct. 16. 1786.

Dr. Shelton's mission field extended to Greenfield Hill, North Fairfield, now Easton & Weston, & Stratfield. Owing to the crippled condition of the Episcopalians, the new church built upon the military parade ground at Mill Plain was not completed until 1792, when to the great joy of the good churchmen at Fairfield a beautiful church at last greeted their longing eyes, to which, on horseback and on foot, many gladly attended. The children of Israel were not more rejoiced when the new temple was rebuilt after the first was destroyed, than these God-loving & God-fearing people.

This new church on Mill Plain was large & commodious. The reading desk was built according to the English fashion in front of the pulpit, the latter rising some six feet immediately in the rear above it. Both were elegantly decorated with crimson satin damask coverings, with cushions of the same, ornamented with large tassels, upon which the Bible, the Prayer Book & the clergyman's sermon, covered with black velvet, rested. Heavy bullion fringe of crimson silk ran around the pulpit and reading desk. Under the desk stood an altar of solid mahogany upon which to lay their alms & oblations before their Heavenly Father, in whose Holy Temple they had just cause to build an altar before & upon which, as in the Levitical days, they offered up praises & prayers & thanksgivings. Behind the pulpit hung an elegant crimson silk-velvet curtain.

The following is a copy of a letter written by the Rev. Dr. Philo Shelton to Mr. William Winthrop of Cambridge, Mass.:

"Bridgeport, Sept. 28. 1808

"Dear Sir,

"I received at the hands of Capt. Fairweather the curtain presented by you to the good people of Fairfield under my Episcopal charge, for the benefit & ornamentation of

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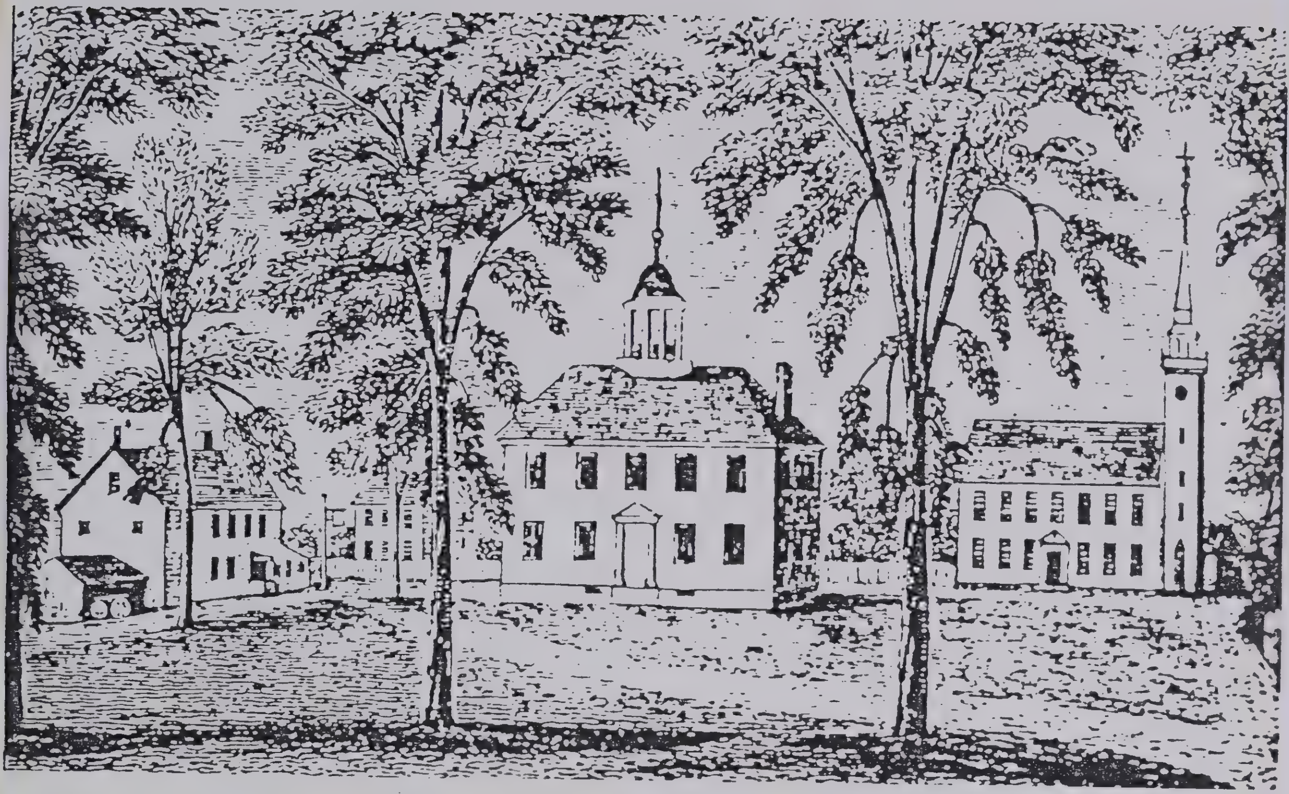
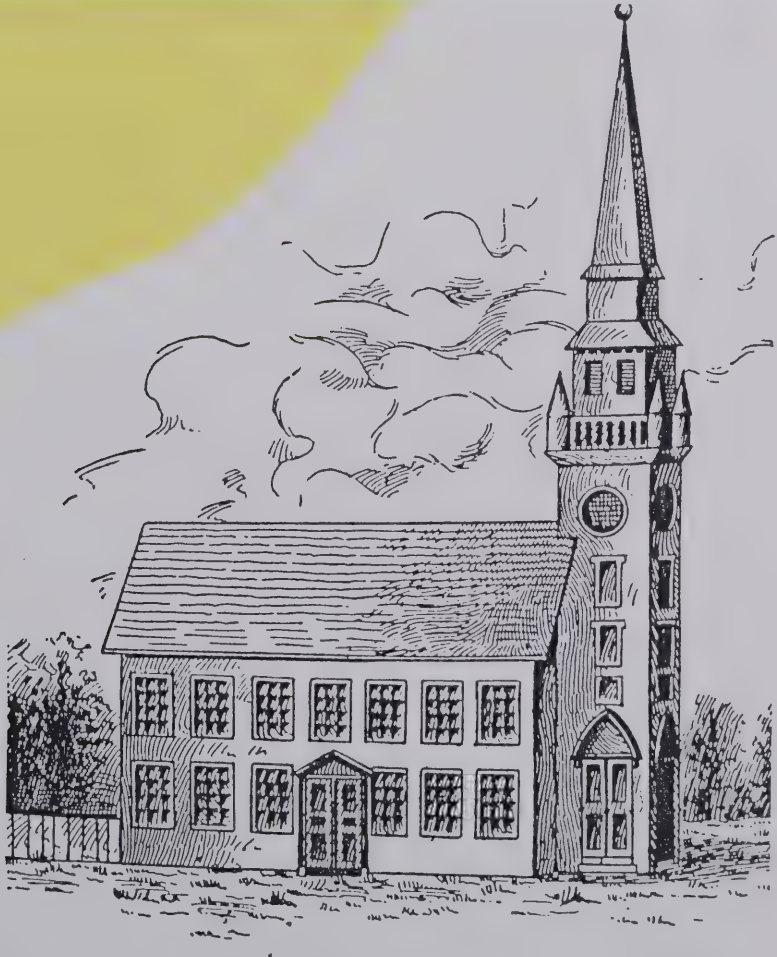
* Hist. Fairfield. Vol. I., p. 403.



East view of the Court House, Church and Jail, Fairfield.



Congregational Church, Fairfield, Conn.

Built 1747. Burned by the British 1779.

A Summary of Dates from 1639 to 1910

1639	Organization of Public Worship
1640	Erection of Log Meeting-House
1644	Installation of Rev. John Jones, First Pastor
1645	Approval of Hooker's "Survey" by the Church
1663	Meeting-House rebuilt
1664	Death of Rev. John Jones
1665	Installation of Rev. Samuel Wakeman, Second Pastor
1668	Appointment of Mr. Wakeman by General Court to "consider some expedient for our peace" together with others
1669	Church in Fairfield follows the "Half-Way Covenant"
1671-80	Meeting-House altered and repaired
1683	Election Sermon before General Court by Rev. Samuel Wakeman
1692	Death of Mr. Wakeman
1694	Installation of Rev. Joseph Webb
1695	Organization of the Church in Stratfield, First Church, Bridgeport
1698	New Meeting-House completed
1700-1	Mr. Webb assists in founding Yale College
1709	Fairfield Consociation formed, the church representatives being Mr. Webb, Deacon John Thomson and Mr. Samuel Cobbett
1711	Parish of West Farms (Greens Farms) set off
1725	Parish of Greenfield Hill set off
1729	Parish of Redding organized
1732	Death of Mr. Webb
1733	Installation of Rev. Noah Hobart
1743	General Association of Connecticut Colony meets at Fairfield
1747	New Meeting-House ordered to be built on same location, 60 feet long, 40 feet wide, 26 feet high, steeple 120 feet high
1748	Publishing of address to members of the "Episcopal Separation in New England" by Rev. Noah Hobart
1750	Printing of Election Sermon by Mr. Hobart before the General Court
1751	Publishing of Second Address to "Members of the Episcopal Separation in New England" by Mr. Hobart
1753	Mr. Hobart elected Moderator of the General Association
1754	Publishing of "Principles of Congregational Churches" by Noah Hobart
1757	Norfield Parish set off
1767	North Fairfield Parish set off
1773	Death of Noah Hobart, after a pastorate of forty years
1774	Installation of Rev. Andrew Eliot
1777	General Association of Connecticut convened in Fairfield
1779	Meeting-House burned by the British on July 9th
1779	Capture of Deacon Silliman by British on night of May 1st
1779	Public Worship held in private houses
1780	The New Court House used for Public Worship
1786	Public Worship conducted in the unfinished Meeting-House
1790	Andrew Eliot, a member of Committee on Union between Congregational and Presbyterian Churches
1790	Voted that the Society Committee set up warnings for "venduing the Pews in the Meeting-House for ready money"
1805	Death of Rev. Andrew Eliot
1807	Installation of Rev. Heman Humphrey
1807	Disuse of the Half-Way Covenant
1907	New Confession of Faith and Covenant adopted
1811	General Association of Connecticut meets in Fairfield
1813	Mr. Humphrey appointed by Consociation to prepare address on Intemperance
1813	Mr. Humphrey publishes a Series of Articles on Intemperance
1815	Fairfield Charitable Society organized at residence of Mrs. David Hull
1818	Rev. Nathaniel Hewit succeeds Mr. Humphrey in the Pastorate
1818	Congregationalism as the established religion of Connecticut is dis-established by law
1821	Female Prayer Meeting Society organized at the Home of Mrs. Nathaniel Hewit

INTRODUCTION OF THE SPEAKER

The Rev. David P. Hatch

I count it a very gracious privilege accorded me by the Committee on Religious Observance to welcome at this time on your behalf as speaker this afternoon at the opening of our Tercentenary observances Dr. John C. Schroeder, Professor at Yale Divinity School. Dr. Schroeder was given as a general theme "Our Religious Observances," and I assure Dr. Schroeder that we accord him full liberty in dealing with that subject as he chooses. Dr. Schroeder.

ADDRESS—"Our Religious Liberties"

The Rev. John C. Schroeder, D.D.

All measurements of time are relative. The horror in which the world has been living since the second of September seems like an awful and terrifying millenium. Yet three hundred years in the established life of a community like this seem but a short time in long reaches of history. Whatever man thinks of his governments or of his empires, if he thinks of them against the background of history, he realizes always how mutable his life is. "All our days are as grass." "A thousand years in Thy sight are but as yesterday when it is passed, and as a watch in the night."

St. Augustine once said, "If you do not ask me what time is, I know. If you ask me, I do not know." Yet as human communities go, as existent cultures and traditions among men go, three hundred years is a long time. The governments of men do not last long, and in contrast to other empires and other established traditions three centuries is a long time. The history of a community like this over these three hundred years has been an authentic continuity. Within this space people have been born; they have lived; they have died. Yet they have passed their days within a tradition that has been both consistent and abiding. The memory of all these people who have so lived and so given their life to this community must for us be a hallowed thing, a gracious and a true remembrance.

We do right in a celebration like this to turn back to them with gratitude in our own hearts and with hallowed remembrance upon our own lips. After all, having become in the providence of time a part of a communty like this, a part of this tradition, it becomes our problem to keep it so. You and I have to be so careful lest, whenever we contrast our lot with that of people in other nations and in other communities, we become complacent. We become so sure of our tradition; it has come to us so easily with no effort upon our parts that we are liable to take all this for granted. In this community for three hundred years people have lived their days in peace. May it continue to

be so. Here for three hundred years people have lived their lives in tolerance of one another. May that continue to be true. Here people have been able to find their own ways in freedom. May that continue to be a fact. Here men and women have been enabled to seek the truth as they saw it, to find out of the freedom in which they were reared, their own answer to life.

Let Liberty and Tolerance be Preserved

This after all is your problem, and it is mine as well; and it is not an easy thing to continue, even though it has existed for three hundred years. For this is an indisputable fact for us —the heritage of liberty and of tolerance in which you and I live our days is real. It is something to be cherished, and, therefore, it can never be easily taken for granted.

I would for a while talk with you about the people from whom this tradition came. We owe a debt of gratitude to those who founded this community with a high regard for freedom and with some understanding of what religious liberty means.

Now, it is an amazing thing, as I think about it, that this tradition of religious liberty should have come from people whom history has called Puritans. You and I, as we think about the Puritans, if we do so superficially, will surely think that these people after all were dour; that they were sour; they were bigoted; they were joyless; they were unctuous hyprocrites, who had no joy or beauty or urbanity in their lives.

It is true they were hard working; it is true they were intense in their belief. It is true that they were thrifty. Yet by some miracle these same Puritans with all of these unlikable and unwelcome characteristics came to these shores to found communities in which religious liberty was real.

How can that possibly have come about? How did it happen that out of the lives of people like this there should have been born a tradition in which religious liberty was a real thing? Well, it may be that you and I do not understand what kind of people they were that this should have been so.

"What is a Puritan?"

A few years ago the late Stuart Sherman wrote a brilliant essay called "What is a Puritan," in which he adduced a great deal of material which helps us very much to understand the Puritan and perhaps to know why it is that you and I should live in a tradition of religious liberty.

Of course, what is most evident about the Puritan is that he was a sincere man, a person of utter sincerity. It would be possible to adduce thousands of illustrations that this was characteristic of his mind, his thinking and his living. I take only one. A certain William Prynne, a Puritan, who lived in England, having been put into jail because of his convictions, nevertheless would not give them up. So there were branded upon his cheeks the letters "SL," which stood for seditious libeller. When Prynne was finally released, he said that those letters stood for the words, *"Stigmata Laudis,"*—marks of praise. And the time came one day—so sincere and adamant was he in his opinions—that he helped to take off the head of Archbishop Laud, who had had the letters branded upon his cheeks. Any man who did that can at least not be accused of insincerity.

These people were harsh and intolerant, it is said; they were bigoted. As we think of the Puritans, we think of the hanging of twenty poor old women in Salem, Massachusetts, as witches. Yet as we contrast the Puritans with other people of that day, one is bound to remember that, horrible though the hangings may have been in Salem, the frenzy lasted but a year. In contrast in Europe and in South America at the same time the people of those lands put more than a hundred thousand people to death as witches, hanging them, burning them, torturing them. The persecution lasted for more than a hundred years. One wonders whether if it is fair to call these Puritans, when one judges them against the background of their time, harsh or intolerant.

The Puritans Enjoyed Life

But it is said they put duty before pleasure, and it is perfectly true that they did. But that does not mean that the Puritans did not enjoy life. Such people, of course, are never popular with those who put pleasure before duty, but you and I understand, nevertheless, that the working world and the bearing of its burdens come from those who have a sense of responsibility and know the meaning of duty.

As for pleasure the Puritans we say did not know what pleasure was. Well, in part the Puritans would have shocked some of us by their behavior. Do you remember in *Pilgrim's Progress* when Christian's wife set out for her salvation, she suddenly remembered and stopped, and sent one of the children back for a bottle of liquor? They presumably had some idea of what pleasure is.

John Robinson, who was pastor of the flock which came over on the Mayflower, once said, "Abstinence from marriage is no more a virtue than abstinence from wine. Both marriage and wine are of God and good in themselves."

You say the Puritans had no love of pleasure or of beautiful things. After Shakespeare there was John Milton, who stands second in the ranks of English literature. Milton not only loved beauty, as the cadence of his poetry reveals, but Milton also knew something about those who were responsible for the life of the state. Milton classified citizens of a community in order of merit in this way. First he put those who make the social existence of the citizen just and holy, and second he put those who make the social life of the citizen splendid and beautiful.

If you and I for a moment believe that the Puritans had no love of exquisite things, all we have still to do is to travel about New England, and see meeting houses, whose beauty rises to the sky in the praise of God.

You say this harsh Puritan had no tenderness. During the first terrible year in the Massachusetts Bay Colony it was two very masculine men, Miles Standish and Brewster, who nursed the sick with the care of a woman.

You say there was no thrilling excitement in the life of the Puritans. Well, after all it was these people who killed their king; who overthrew the throne of the Archbishop of Canterbury; who came across the Atlantic Ocean in a boat so small that even the most daring of us would not trust our lives in one to go fishing in the Housatonic.

You and I are a movie-bred generation. We say that in order to have excitement in life there ought at least to be a triangle in every household. Yet every Puritan husband knew that his rival was one who constantly claimed the love and affection of his wife, a jealous rival, the Lord God Jehovah. Him his wife could never forget—a much more ardent competitor for the love of his wife than any contemporary movie idol could possibly be for any woman.

Romance in Puritan Days

You say that these people who were bigots had no charm. Well, we generally think of Cotton Mather as the most bigoted of them all. Cotton Mather was married three times, and between wife number two and wife number three, when he was forty yars old, he received a proposal of marriage from a girl of twenty, who all admitted was the wittiest and the prettiest girl in the colony. It can hardly be said that that man had no charm.

If you feel that these people had no charm in their lives, may I read you a letter from John Winthrop to his wife, after they had been married eleven years. Those of you who have been married eleven years might well take this deeply to heart as an example of as lovely and gracious a message as any husband could write to his wife.

> "Sweetheart, I was unwillingly hindered from coming to thee, nor am I like to see thee before the last day of this week. Therefore, I shall want a band or two and some cuffs. I pray thee send me six or seven leaves of tobacco, dry and powdered.
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> "Have care of thyself this cold weather, and speak to the folks to keep the goats well out of the garden.

> "If any letters come for me, send them by this bearer. I will troubel thee no further. The Lord bless and keep thee, my sweet wife, and all our family, and send us a comfortable meeting.
>
> "So I kiss thee and love thee ever, and rest
>
> Thy faithful husband,
> JOHN WINTHROP."

No charm in people like that?

Or you say they were bigots who had narrow minds, and yet these same Puritans were characterized by the fact that they trusted their reason, and they trusted implicitly the integrity of the mind. This same Cotton Mather, whom you and I are wont to scorn as a bigot, was made, I remind you, a member of the Royal Scientific Society. He was the man who introduced into this country inoculations or vaccinations for small pox in a day when that was a brave, daring, scientific thing to do. So intrepid was Cotton Mather in his trust in this new medical discovery that a bomb was thrown into his home, because he insisted that all people ought to have their children vaccinated against the pox.

This same John Robinson, the pastor of the Mayflower flock, once said, "Our Lord Christ calls himself truth, not custom."

Therefore, if one looks for the characteristics of these Puritans, he is bound to recognize certain things; that they had a dissatisfaction with the past; that they had the courage to break with the past; that they understood the meaning of a vision for a better life; that they had the readiness to accept discipline in order to achieve this life, and that there was among them a serious desire to make this good life prevail. One has the feeling as he reads their record, that by and large they were better men than we.

Are we tolerant or indifferent?

Here, then, is the problem. Their very history reveals the nature of the meaning of the problem of religious liberty. How can you produce men of such intense convictions, men who believe something so deeply that actually they are committed to it? Men who believe something so deeply that they will not waiver compromise, and yet at the same time be men of tolerance? That after all is the crux of this problem of religious liberty. You see your difficulty is that we have so few people of great and enduring conviction.

Yet we are inclined at times to pride ourselves upon our tolerance, and yet our tolerance is hardly tolerance. What we mean by tolerance are beliefs that mean so little to us that, therefore, we do not care when someone disagrees with us. That is not tolerance. It is not tolerance not to care about a conviction. It is not tolerance simply to be indifferent to belief. The problem of religious liberty is to have those who believe deeply and yet to have religious liberty.

Now, this is not an easy thing to do. There have been many times in the world's history when you have had people of intense belief. The bigots, the fanatics, the inquisitors in the world's history are indices of the fact that at various times there have been people of belief. How at the same time can there be people of belief and yet with tolerance?

If you look upon these Puritans who finally gave us our religious liberty, you will find surprisingly enough, whether or not you agree with these people, that the intensity of their belief virtually produced an ideal of religious liberty, because even though they did believe intensely, they always had respect for individuals. It is that which finally produces religious liberty; it is that which produces democracy, in which alone religious liberty is possible.

Now, you and I, when we are describing democracy, think of democracy as being the will of the majority, which is not democracy at all. We must always make that clear. If democracy really were the will of the majority, then it would not long survive, because the majority is always wrong. In history if the government of people depended upon the will of the majority, then man would go to destruction, because the majority is always wrong. That does not mean that if you belong to a minority, you are sure that you are right. But it does mean that if you are in a minority, the chances are better of your being right than if you belong to a majority.

Democracy a respect for Minority

Democracy is a respect for the minority. This you see is the very basis of any ideal of religious liberty. The Puritans had intense convictions, but they always respected individuals, and because they did, the time came when they knew that they had to cease to be intolerant, simply because individuals had to be respected.

Now, you and I live in a time when this belief in democracy is challenged. Unfortunately there are many people in our land who feel that the only way to defend democracy is to fight for it. But democracy will be established not by people fighting for it. Then it will be lost. It will be found as people demonstrate it.

You and I in our belief in democracy have been challenged by men in our time who do not believe in it. Yet it is the essence of belief in religious liberty that even these people who challenge our system shall yet be allowed freedom. It is a very difficult belief to believe in, but this is the belief that has given us the traditions we have now. This is the belief that enables you and me to live in freedom. It is the belief that must be continued, even though the fascists, the bundists, the Jew baiters and the Communists; even though the Kuhns and the Pelleys and the General Mosleys challenge it; even though these people say, "We have the truth, and you must accept it at your peril." Yet you and I, if we believe in religious liberty, if we believe in democracy, must nevertheless allow them freedom of speech, even though we challenge to the very basis the truth of what they say.

The Puritans were Refugees

There is one other thing that is indisputably a part of this tradition of religious freedom. May I point out that these Puritans who gave it to us were refugees, driven from their own home land? If you watch human history, you will realize that some of the greatest contributions to history have come from refugees—from the refugee Greeks who came into the Roman Empire all the way down to the refugee groups who have given vitality to the American tradition.

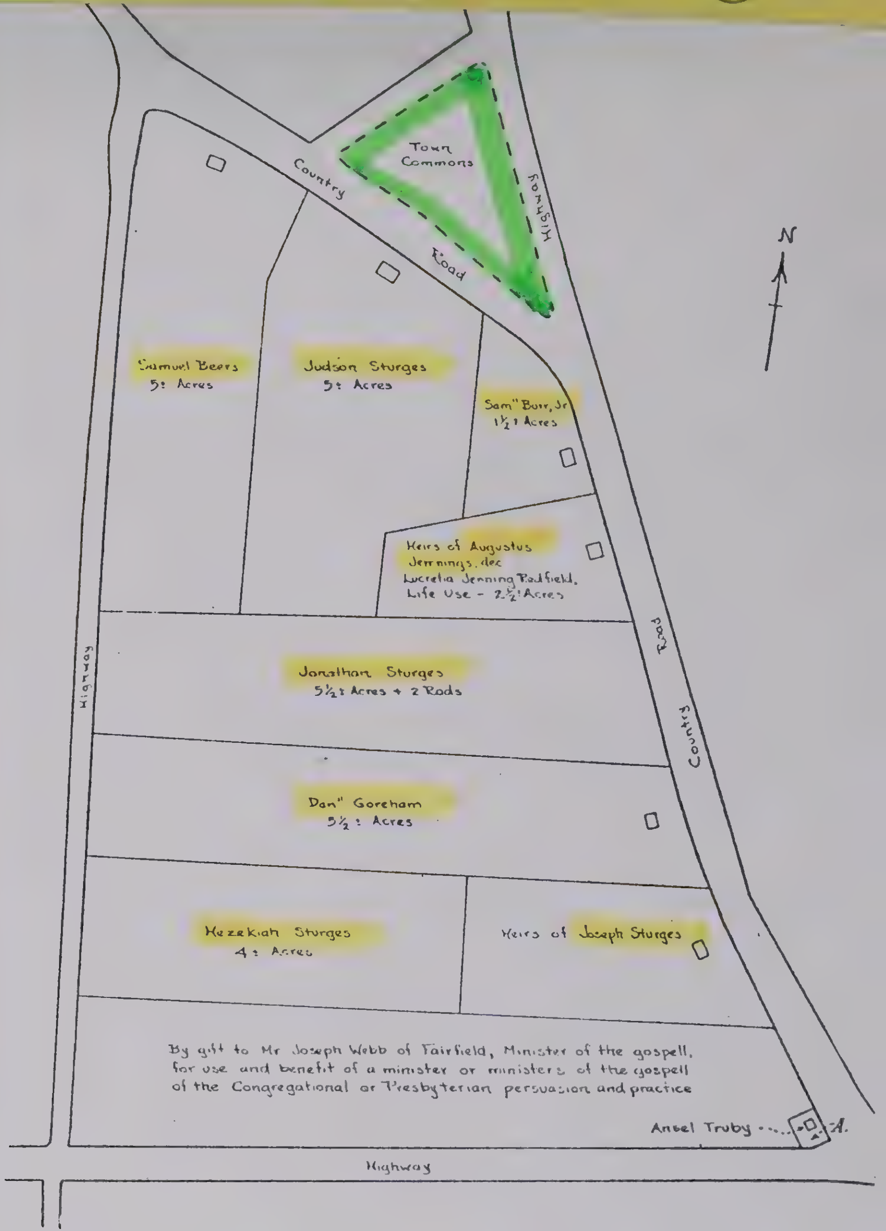
Tolerance—religious liberty—is almost the hardest of the virtues to practice. This is true particularly in the realm of religion where people have intense faith. Yet you will have religious liberty only when you will be able with your high faith to have respect for the person whose faith challenges or disagrees with your own.

This, then, is the tradition which has given this community three hundred years of hallowed life. It is this tradition which has made everything that is sacred in the life of this town possible. This community reveres these three hundred years because of its respect and reverence for the minorities who have come to dwell within it, through which minorities it has had its life.

Your problem and mine—your task and mine is that this hallowed tradition shall continue, because you and I have faith, and you and I have conviction, and you and I will continue to trust in the one form of government which deep in our heart we know will last, because all other kinds that trust in the repression of groups within it in the long run must perish. This is our belief; without it we cannot live.

MR. HATCH: However wrong the majority may always be I am sure the majority here this afternoon is right in expressing gratitude to Dr. Schroeder for the penetrating appraisal that he has brought to us.

May we all rise and after the pronouncement of the benediction by the Rev. William J. Blake join in the singing of "America."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Country Road
Highway
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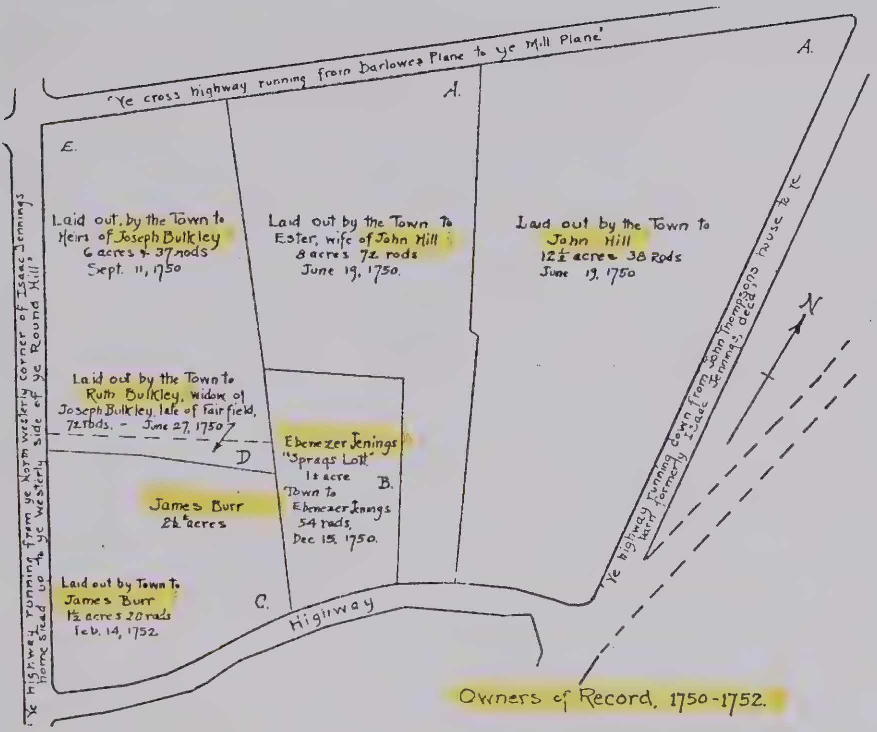
Judson Sturges 5± Acres
Sam'l Burr, Jr 1½± Acres
Heirs of Augustus Jennings, dec
Lucretia Jenning Redfield, Life Use – 2½± Acres
Highway
Jonathan Sturges 5½± Acres + 2 Rods
Road
Country
Dan'l Goreham 5½± Acres
Hezekiah Sturges 4± Acres
Heirs of Joseph Sturges
By gift to Mr Joseph Webb of Fairfield, Minister of the gospell, for use and benefit of a minister or ministers of the gospell of the Congregational or Presbyterian persuasion and practice
Ansel Truby
A.
Highway

Block 10
Owners as of 1779,
the burning of the Town.

"Bell Lot" across the road. Prior to Whitear's time, all of Parcel B. had become property of the incumbent minister of the First Church, and with exception of his piece, remained so until 1834. Thomas Basset and Richard Vowles were each original owners of half the next strip (Parcels C. and D.) which, by the time of the Revolution, was property of the brothers Heze-


'Ye cross highway running from Barlowes Plane to ye Mill Plane'
A.
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Laid out, by the Town to Heirs of Joseph Bulkley 6 acres & 37 rods Sept. 11, 1750
Laid out by the Town to Ester, wife of John Hill 8 acres 72 rods June 19, 1750.
Laid out by the Town to John Hill 12½ acres 38 Rods June 19, 1750
Laid out by the Town to Ruth Bulkley, widow of Joseph Bulkley, late of Fairfield, 72 rods. - June 27, 1750
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Ebenezer Jenings "Spraqs Lott" 1½ acre
B.
Town to Ebenezer Jenings 54 rads, Dec 15, 1750.
James Burr 2½ acres
Laid out by Town to James Burr 1½ acres 20 rads Feb. 14, 1752
C.
Highway
'Ye highway running from ye North westerly corner of Isaac Jennings home stead up to ye westerly side of ye Round Hill'
Ye highway running down from John Thompsons house to ye yard formerly Isaac Jennings, dec'd.
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Owners of Record. 1750-1752.

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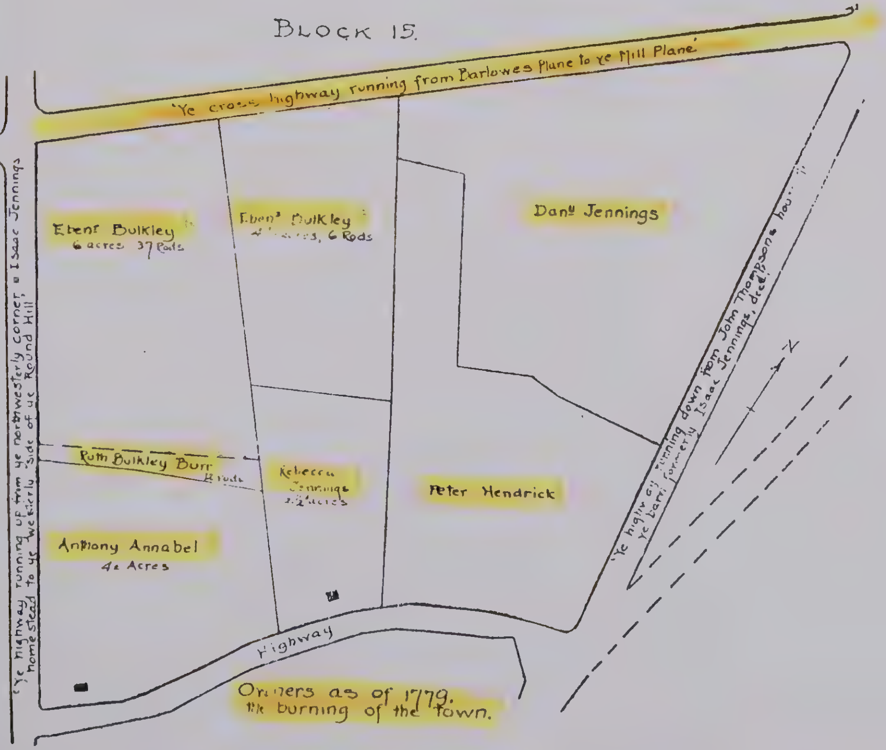
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Ruth Bulkley Burr 8 rods
Rebecca Jennings 2½ acres
Peter Hendrick
Anthony Annabel 4½ Acres
Highway
'Ye highway running up from ye northwesterly corner of Isaac Jennings homestead to ye westerly side of ye Round Hill'
Ye highway running down from John Thompsons house to ye barn formerly Isaac Jennings, dec'd.
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Owners as of 1779. the burning of the town.

FAIRfield, CT

Fairfield Pastors

THE REV. JOSEPH WEBB

The third pastor of the church, son of Joseph and Grace Webb, was born May 10, 1666, the year of the great London fire. During his childhood and youth he lived in the neighborhood of Boston, graduating from Harvard College in 1684. For ten years he engaged in secular pursuits, accepting a call to the Fairfield pastorate in 1694, being ordained and installed here on the 15th of August. He preached the election sermon before the court of the colony in 1701. He was active in laying the foundations of Yale College, feeling the great need of an institution for higher education in Connecticut. One of the ten ministers who at Branford in 1700 placed an offering upon the table saying, "I give these books for founding a college in this colony," he continued his beneficent and patriotic services to the young institution for thirty years, confident that future generations would appreciate and perpetuate the work. He married Elizabeth Nichols of Stratford in 1691. She died in 1718. Three years later he married Mrs. Elizabeth Cone of Stratford, who survived him. His death occurred September 26, 1732, while visiting Stratford friends.

THE REV. NOAH HOBART

The fourth pastor of this church, born at Hingham, Mass., January 12, 1706, was the son of David Hobart and the grandson of Rev. Peter Hobart, first pastor of the church in Hingham. Noah Hobart graduated at Harvard with the class of 1724, but he was not ordained and settled as a minister in the Fairfield parish until February 7, 1733. A long and distinguished pastorate was ended by his death on December 6, 1773. Dr. Sprague writes that "Mr. Hobart lived to bury two wives, eight children, and a thousand and ninety-three parishioners." He was three times married, and the wife who survived him was three times a widow, he her third husband and she his third wife. One son, John Sloss, became an eminent jurist, one of the judges of the Supreme Court of New York, and was elected United States Senator from the State of New York, but resigned the office and afterwards became District Judge for the District of New York. Mr. Hobart published: " A Serious Address to the Members of the Episcopal Separation in New England," 1748; " An Election Sermon," in 1750; " A Second Address to the Members of the Episcopal Separation in New England," 1751; " Principles of the Congregational Churches," 1754; " A Vindication of the Piece, entitled The Principles of Congregational Churches, etc.," 1761; " A Sermon on the Execution of Isaac Frazier," 1768.

THE REV. ANDREW ELIOT

The fifth pastor of the Fairfield Church was a son of the Rev. Andrew Eliot, D.D., an eminent minister and pastor of the New North Church, Boston. He graduated from Harvard College in 1762, and was shortly appointed butler of the institution. Four years later he became tutor, and in 1773 a fellow. His connection with the college was severed when he entered upon his pastorate of this church in 1774. Mr. Eliot's death occurred October 26, 1805, during the thirty-second year of his ministry. His son Andrew was ordained pastor of the church in New Milford and served as a member of the Yale corporation for eleven years.

THE REV. HEMAN HUMPHREY, D.D., LL.D.

The sixth pastor of this church was born in West Simsbury, Conn., March 26, 1779, and died in Pittsfield, Mass., April 3, 1861. He taught school to help pay his way through Yale College where he graduated in the class of 1805. After studying theology under

Dr. Timothy Dwight, he was ordained to the ministry in Fairfield. At the conclusion of ten fruitful years in his first pastorate Dr. Humphrey accepted a call to Pittsfield; but his eminent fitness for educational work attracted the attention of men interested in Amherst College, and he was elected to the presidency of that institution in 1823, guiding its destinies for twenty-two years. His son, Edward Porter, attained wide fame as preacher and scholar. Two other sons became ministers, and two daughters married ministers. Another son studied law and represented his district twice in the United States House of Representatives. In his eulogy upon Dr. Humphrey, Dr. John Todd said: " I have never known a man who in my estimation came so near being faultless."

THE REV. NATHANIEL HEWIT, D.D.

The seventh pastor in the Prime Ancient Society was born in New London, Conn., August 28, 1788, graduated at Yale in 1808, and first studied law, then entered the Divinity School at Andover and was licensed to preach in 1815, serving in the Presbyterian Church of Plattsburg, N. Y. His pastorate in Fairfield extended over a period of nearly ten years, from 1818 to 1827. His later years were devoted to the work of the American Temperance Society and two pastorates in Bridgeport, Conn., that of the Second Congregational Church and that of the Presbyterian Church. He died February 3d, 1867. His wife was a daughter of Senator James Hillhouse of New Haven, Conn. His son Augustus, a graduate of Amherst College, studied law, then theology, and was licensed to preach as a Congregationalist, but a year later entered the ministry of the Episcopal Church and in 1846 was received into the Roman Catholic Church. He joined the Redemptorist order, and when Father Hecker founded the congregation of St. Paul he became one of its prominent members. Later he was elected professor of

public buildings had all been rebuilt. Today's Old Town Hall was erected as the Fairfield County Court House in 1794. A second landmark from this area is the Fairfield Academy, built as a private school in 1804 and operated today as a museum by the Eunice Dennie Burr Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution. Also on the Town Green sits the Sun Tavern, rebuilt by its owner, Samuel Penfield, after the burning and now owned by the Town of Fairfield. In the Stratfield section of the town is another landmark of the Federal era, the Stratfield Baptist Church, built in 1813, the oldest house of worship standing in town.

Greenfield Hill

Greenfield Hill, famous today for its beautiful homes and for the Dogwood Festival held each May, came into its own in the Federal period. In 1783 Timothy Dwight was called to be the pastor of the Greenfield Hill Congregational Church. A man of many talents, Dwight ministered to his flock, wrote poetry, and opened an academy of higher learning for young men and women. He was so successful at this last job that he was asked to become president of Yale College in New Haven. Around the church and green are beautiful examples of homes built by merchants and prosperous farmers during this period. South of the green stands the restored Bronson Windmill, erected in the late nineteenth century to provide water for the Bronson family's estate. The Bronsons are credited with initiating the massive plantings of dogwoods which line the roads of Greenfield Hill.

Southport

In the 1700s, Mill River village was a small hamlet of a few houses and a wharf at the mouth of Fairfield's Mill River. By 1831 the village had changed its name to Southport and was a bustling commercial area with warehouses, churches, schools, stores and elegant houses. Southport became a leading coastal port on Long Island Sound, its ships carrying produce and goods back and forth to New York City. A measure of its success is the fact that throughout the 1800s it possessed the only two banks in town. However, competition from steamboats and the railroad took its toll on prosperity. Resourceful shippers teamed with local farmers and businessmen to keep the port going; the Southport onion, a high quality onion was developed and grown on Fairfield's hills and shipped in Southport market boats, keeping the harbor profitable until the end of the century. Today, much of the old village area is part of an historic district, where buildings from three centuries are protected for future generations.

1800's

The urban development that changed the nature of many of Fairfield's neighbors to the east and west passed the town by in the 1800s. For the most part, Fairfield remained a quiet agricultural town. This unspoiled quality attracted many city dwellers who came to Fairfield starting in the 1840s with the opening of the railroad. They built summer cottages overlooking the Sound and along the main street, now Old Post Road. Many of these elegant dwellings still stand; two of the most spectacular, 'Hearthstone Hall" and "Mailands" are now part of Fairfield University.

World War I and After

Although few seventeenth-century dwellings remain standing in Fairfield, evidence of the early settlement of the town is visible to this day in the form of the town's road system. Roger Ludlow laid out a grid for his new town; today's Post Road, Old Post Road, Beach Road, and South Benson Road, centered on the Meeting House Green, now the Town Green. On these streets the settlers built their homesteads and the Meeting House, seat of government and place of worship. Around the village was a cluster of common fields where the early settlers raised their crops, grazed livestock and cut timber. Oldfield Road, Benson Road and Unquowa Road were once farm lanes which gave access to these fields. As the town grew and farmsteads were built outside of the village, more highways radiated from the center to provide access: Pequot Road to Greens Farms, Bronson and Mill Plain Roads to Greenfield, Jennings Road to Holland Hill. By the 1670's the settlers began to divide the vacant land in the north of the town between themselves. A series of Long Lots were created, one to a family, running from today's Fairfield Woods Road, Brookside Drive and Hulls Farm Road north to the Danbury bounds. Redding, Weston, and Easton were all once included within the boundaries of Fairfield. Today, if you drive up one of the old "upright highways" - - Sturges Highway, Burr Street, or Morehouse Highway- you are traveling on the access roads to the lands once owned by those families.

Fairfield prospered during its first century. Surplus farm products were traded for imported goods. Black Rock Harbor, now part of the City of Bridgeport, became the town's leading port. There, ships were laden with wheat, flax, timber and livestock from the farms and sailed to Boston, New York and harbors as far away as the West Indies. They returned with needed goods such as nails to build their houses, textiles for clothing and furnishings, and molasses to be made into rum. The shipyards and wharves provided employment for many, including slaves. During the colonial period, Fairfield had one of the highest populations of blacks in Connecticut, almost all of whom were enslaved. An idea of how a colonial farming family lived can be gained by a visit to Ogden House, a restored "salt box" farmhouse built circa 1750, at 1520 Bronson Road. The house is operated as a museum by the Fairfield Historical Society.

Revolutionary War

When the Revolutionary War began in the 1770s, Fairfielders were caught in the crisis as much as if not more than the rest of their neighbors in Connecticut. In a predominantly Tory section of the state, the people of Fairfield were early supporters of the cause for Independence. Throughout the war, a constant battle was being fought across Long Island Sound as men from British-controlled Long Island raided the coast in whaleboats and privateers. Gold Selleck Silliman, whose home still stands on Jennings Road, was put in charge of the coastal defenses. In the spring of 1779, he was kidnapped from his home by Tory forces in preparation for a British raid on Fairfield County. His wife watched from their home as, on the morning of July 7, 1779, approximately 2,000 enemy troops landed on Fairfield Beach near Pine Creek Point and proceeded to invade the town. When they left the following evening, the entire town lay in ruins, burned to the ground as punishment for Fairfield's support of the rebel cause. Ten years later, President George Washington noted after traveling through Fairfield, that " the destructive evidences of British cruelty are yet visible both in Norwalk and Fairfield; as there are the chimneys of many burnt houses standing in them yet."

Fairfield recovered slowly from the burning, but soon after the end of the war its houses and

Town of
Fairfield, Connecticut

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HISTORY OF FAIRFIELD - A SUMMARY

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Early Fairfield | Revolutionary War | Greenfield Hill | Southport | 1800s | World War I and After | Today

Early Fairfield

In the fall of 1639, Roger Ludlow, one of the founders of the colony of Connecticut, led a small group of men and a large herd of cattle to the shore of Long Island Sound. At a place known to the local Indians as Unquowa, they established a settlement that became known as Fairfield, named for the hundreds of acres of salt marsh that bordered the coast. The marsh provided a plentiful supply of feed for the livestock and abandoned Indian fields became the site of the settlers' first agricultural plots. In the intervening years between those early days of settlement and today, much has occurred to change the face of Fairfield. Yet the town continues to bear the imprint of those who came before us.

Driving along U.S. Route One, the Boston Post Road, we follow the trail of a foot path which once connected the Indian villages along Long Island Sound. For thousands of years native Americans have dwelt in this area, following a seasonal movement from the hillsides in winter in search of game to the seashore in summer to fish and plant their corn. At the time of contact with Europeans in the early seventeenth century, the local Indians were known as the Unquowas, for the area in which they lived, which is thought to mean "the place beyond". The Unquowas were a small clan of the Paugussett tribe, which was centered in southwestern Connecticut. By the time of Ludlow's settlement, the population of these Indians had been severely decimated by diseases introduced by the early explorers. They made little resistance to Ludlow's claim of all the land from the Saugatuck River in the west to the Stratford bounds (now Park Avenue) in the east and a day's march inland from the Sound - a distance of approximately twelve miles.

The founding of Fairfield was not without conflict, however. Roger Ludlow had first seen this area in 1637 when as one of a band of settler-soldiers, he had pursued a group of Pequot Indians to a swamp in Southport. There, the Pequots made a last stand in a brief but bloody war caused by their resistance to settlers expansion into the Pequot's territory in eastern Connecticut. The battle is commemorated by a monument on the Post Road in Southport.

		Darien	DHS	Greenwich	Old Greenwich	New Canaan	Norwalk	South Norwalk	Stamford	Wilton
NEW CANAAN (See Stamford for early dates)										
New Canaan Historical Society Annuals 1943 to date			1947 X			X	X	X	X	
Readings in New Canaan History	1949					X				X
New Canaan Cemetery Records						X				
Directories from 1938						X		X	X	
Newspapers New Canaan Advertiser						X			X	
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NORWALK										
The Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk Hall, Edwin	1847		X			X	X	X	X	X
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Address at Centenary of St. Paul's Church Selleck, Rev. C.M.	July 15, 1886						X	X		
Inscriptions Found on Monuments & Headstones in Oldest Cemetery in Norwalk Van Hoosear, David H.	1892					X	X	X	X	
Old Norwalk Cemetery - Brookside, Rowayton Smith, Wilbur F.								X		
Sermons; with a brief memoir Mead, William Cooper	1883							X		
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Additions & Corrections	1943			X		X				
d Burying Ground of Fairfield	1881		X							
Marriages & Deaths in Fairfield County 1860-1863 Card, Lester						X				
History of Fairfield, Fair. County 1700-1800 Schenck, Elizabeth H.										
DARIEN (also see Norwalk)										
Town of Darien (Darien Community Assoc.) Case, Henry J., & Cooper, Simon W.	1935	X	X					X	X	
The Story of Flatt Ridge, Darien Halsted, V.C.	1947-8					X			X	
The History of St. Luke's Church in Darien Cooper, S. W.		X							X	
Old Cemeteries of Darien	1935		X					X		
Old Maps, showing names of residents		X	X							

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STAMFORD, CONNECTICUT

SETTLED by people of Wethersfield under New Haven Colony 1641
Submitted to Connecticut 1662
Central portion incorporated as City of Stamford 1893
City and town areas consolidated and named City of Stamford 1949

AREA 39 square miles POPULATION 86,000 (1958)

POST OFFICES Stamford, Glenbrook, Springdale

COMMUNITIES or DISTRICTS

Bangall
Belltown
Bulls Head
Cove Island
Cummings Point
Davenport Point
Glenbrook
Hankeyville
High Ridge
Hunting Ridge
Long Ridge
Newfield
North Stamford
Overbrook
Riverbank
Roxbury
Scofieldtown
Shippan Point
Southfield Point
Springdale
Stillwater
Turn of the River
Wallocks Point
Waterside
Wescott Cove
West Stamford
Willisville

CITY HALL Atlantic and Main Streets

TOWN and CITY CLERK Joseph V. Toner FI 8-5511

Hours: 8:00 - 5:00 Monday trhough Friday (except holidays)
8:00 -12:00 Saturday

Fee for certified copies of records: $1.50 first page, 75¢ additional.

Records are easily accessible and a reasonable amount of assistance is available from the clerical staff.

RECORDS:

PROBATE RECORDS: (all wills prior to 1728 are in Fairfield Probate Court at Fairfield. Greenwich wills until 1853 are in Stamford Court. Darien wills until 1921 are in Stamford Court.)

1. Wills from 1728 to date. Arranged alphabetically, not indexed.
2. Abstracts of Probate Records 1728-1802

VITAL STATISTICS: Originals.

1. Birth Records: 1719-1779; 1855-1903; 1906 to date (no index)
2. Marriage records: 1719-1779; 1840-1905; 1906 to date (")
3. Death records: 1719-1779; 1860-1905; 1906 to date (")
4. Stamford Vital Records - Arnold: 1641-1852 (Indexed)
5. Stamford Registration of Birth, Marriages and Deaths - Huntington: to 1825.

TOWN MEETING RECORDS: 1640 - 1938. Volume:

I (Original manuscript and also legible manuscript copy)
1630-1723 (entries 1630-1 some personal accounting, unrelated to Town Records)
1640 Town Records commence in Wethersfield with the agreement of 28 men to move with families and settle in Stamford. (well indexed)

II (Original and manuscript copy) 1665-1806 (well indexed)
For the early years these records include births, marriages, deaths, land records, probate records, guardianships, court records, church matters, schools, town and parish boundaries, tax rates and lists, earmarks of cattle and swine, and lists of freemen of Stamford for 1734, 1774-5, 1777, and 1804-1810.

NORWALK CHURCHES _ Continued

Episcopal

St. Paul's Church 1737
60 East Avenue VI 7-2806
Rector: Rev. Anthony Paul Treasure VI 7-1507
Records: 1741 to date at CSL (to 1925)
1741 to date at rectory (copies)

Trinity Church 1868
Fairfield Ave., Cr. Flax Hill Rd. VO 6-9345
Rector: Rev. Leland O. Hunt VO 6-6319
Records: 1868 to date at church office

Grace Church 1890
4 Belden Avenue VO 6-0859
Rector: Rev. Dr. Edward M. Ehart, Jr. VO 6-7659
Records: 1890 to date at church office

St. Andrew's Mission 1890
353 Main St., Winnepauk
Discontinued about 1933
Records: Included in those of St. Paul's Church

Chapel of Our Holy Savior 1894
Berkeley Street
Discontinued 1923
Records: Included in those of St. Paul's Church

Evangelical and Reformed

Evangelical and Reformed Church 1896
19 Lexington Avenue, South Norwalk TE 8-6769
Formerly Hungarian Reformed Church
Minister: Rev. Andrew E. Harto VO 6-0703
Records: 1896 to date at parsonage

Methodist

First Methodist Church of South Norwalk 1790
39 West Ave., South Norwalk VO 6-4684
Minister: Rev. Trygve Fossen VO 6-1960
Records: 1851 to date at parsonage

Norwalk Methodist Church 1858
724 West Avenue VO 6-3707
Formerly Second Methodist Church
Minister: Rev. Barton Bovee VO 6-1929
Records: 1858 to date at parsonage

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

CHURCHES

Advent Christian

Advent Christian Church 1877
16 Van Zant Street, East Norwalk VO 6-5834
Minister: Rev. Gerald A. Aulis VO 6-5834
Records: 1887 to date at church office

Baptist

First Baptist Church of Norwalk 1837
71 East Avenue (discontinued)
Records: None located

Community Baptist Church 1859
105 East Avenue, cor. Lockwood Lane VO 6-5498
Minister: Rev. Ralph H. Sequine, Jr. TE 8-1316
Records: 1859 to date at parsonage

Rowayton Baptist Church 1859
210 Rowayton Avenue, Rowayton
Discontinued 1951 (joined United Church of Rowayton
(Congregational)
Records: At United Church of Rowayton (see below)

Congregational

First Congregational Church of Norwalk 1652
5 Park Street VI 7-9551
(Also known as Meeting House, 1652-1726; the Church, 1726-1813; the Prime Ancient Society, 1726-1911; Presbyterian Church, 1813-1820; Congregational Church, 1820-1855)
Minister: Rev. Dr. Harold Edgar Martin VO 6-8697
Records: 1726 to date at church office

First Congregational Chufch 1836
Flax Hill Road, cor. West Avenue, South Norwalk VO 6-5201
Formerly First Congregational Church of South Norwalk
Minister: Rev. L. Reinald Lundeen VO 6-1941
Records: 1836 to date at church office

Bethlehem Church 1889
68 Van Zant Street, East Norwalk
Formerly Swedish Bethlehem Church
Minister: Rev. Alfred Gilberg
Records: 1884 to date at parsonage

United Church of Rowayton (Congregational) 210 Rowayton Ave. 1951
Minister: Rev. Donald W. Emig VO 6-8793
Records: 1859-1951 at church office (including records of Rowayton Baptist Church - see above)
VO 6-4460

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Landowners 1640 - 1672

EARLIER RESIDENTS
* Names on Original Deed in 1651
** Purchased from Indians in 1640

ABBOTT, GEORGE
Barnum, Thomas
BEACHAM, ROBERT
BECKWITH, STEPHEN
Benedict, Thomas, Sr.
Benedict, Thomas, Jr.
Benedict, John
Betts, Thomas
BOWNTON, JOHN
BRYANT,
Bushnell, Richard
CAMPFIELD, MATTHEW
Campfield, Nathaniel
Campfield, Samuel
*CHURCH, EDWARD
Comstock, Christopher
Crampton, John
*ELY, NATHANIEL
*FITCH, THOMAS
Fitch, Thomas, Jr.
Gregory, Jakin
GREGORY, JOHN
Gregory, John, Jr.
HALES, SAMUEL
*HALES, THOMAS
*HAIES, NATHANIEL
Haies, Samuel
HAITE, WALTER
HANFORD, REV. THOMAS
Homes, Richard
Hoyt, Walter
Keeler, John
*KEELER, RALPH
KEELER, WALTER
KELLOGG, DANIEL
Ketchum, Joseph
Lockwood, Ephraim
**LUDLOW, ROGER
LUPTON, THOMAS
*MARVIN, MATTHEW, SR.
*MARVIN, MATTHEW, JR.
MARSH, JONATHAN
*MORE, ISACKE
MORGAN, OWEN
MORGAN, WIDOW
NASH, EDWARD
*OLMSTED, RICHARD
**PATRICK, DANIEL
Pickett, James
Platt, John
Platt, Joseph
RAIMENT, RICHARD
REID, WILLIAM
*RICHARDS, NATHANIEL
RUSKOE, JOHN
*SEAMER, THOMAS
Sention, Mark
SENTION, MATTHIAS, SR.
SENTION, MATTHIAS, JR.
SENTION, MATTHEW
Seymour, Richard
Smith, Samuel
Stewart, Robert
Taylor, Thomas
Ward, Thomas
*WEBB, RICHARD
WHITING, GILES

(Taken from "The Ancient Historical Records of Norwalk"
by Edwin Hall)

NORWALK, CONNECTICUT

Purchased from Indians	1640
Settled	1649
INCORPORATED	1651
Town and city areas consolidated and named City of Norwalk	1913

AREA 30 square miles POPULATION 60,000

POST OFFICES Norwalk, Rowayton and South Norwalk.

COMMUNITIES OR DISTRICTS

- Bell Island
- Broad River
- Bull Run
- Comstock Hill
- Cranbury
- East Norwalk
- Five Mile River
- Flax Hill
- Harbor View
- Manresa Island
- Perryville
- Pine Point
- Prospect Hill
- Roton Point
- Rowayton
- Sasqua Hills
- Silvermine
- South Norwalk
- Spring Hill
- Springwood
- Tavern Island
- Whistleville
- Wilsons Point
- Winnepauk

CITY HALL 41 North Main Street, South Norwalk. Houses offices of:

TOWN CLERK Mabel G. Ireland VO 6-1155
Hours: 8:30 - 5:00 Monday - Friday (except holidays)
Closed Saturday and Sunday
Records: Vital Statistics from beginning
Land records from 1640
Town proceedings from about 1651

PROBATE COURT 57 Wall Street, Norwalk (for Norwalk and Walton)
Judge: Alfred Santiello
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday (except holidays)
Records: 1648-1728 in Fairfield Probate Court
1728-1801 at Fairfield and Stamford
1802 to date at Norwalk

LIBRARIES

SOUTH NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY 10 Washington Street, South Norwalk
Hours: 9:00 - 8:00 Monday - Friday
9:00 - 6:00 Saturday
Material: Books relating to Norwalk. No manuscript

NORWALK PUBLIC LIBRARY 1 Belden Avenue, Norwalk
Hours: 9:30 - 8:00 Monday and Friday
9:30 - 6:00 Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday
Material: Books relating to Norwalk. No manuscript

NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

CHURCHES

Baptist

New Canaan Baptist Church 1871
Discontinued
Records: None located

Congregational

Congregational Church of New Canaan 1733
8 Park Street WO 6-2694
Minister: Rev. Loring D. Chase WO 6-9680
Records: 1783 to date at church office (incomplete)
1771-1890 photocopies at church, originals at CSL
Some copies are also at the New Canaan Historical Society.

Episcopal

St. Mark's Church 1791
Oenoke Avenue WO 6-0909
Rector: Rev. Grant A. Morrill, Jr. WO 6-2917
Records: 1835 to date at church (some items at St. Paul's Church, Norwalk and St. Stephen's Church, Ridgefield.)

Methodist

The Methodist Church of New Canaan 1787
154 South Avenue WO 6-4230
Officially organized 1808
Minister: Rev. Charles L. Austin WO 6-1414
Records: 1787 to date at parsonage. Index to records 1787-1945 at New Canaan Historical Society.

Silvermine Methodist Protestant Church 1837
Discontinued
Records: None located

Selleck's Corners Methodist Church 1865
Barnegat Road at West Road
Minister: Rev. William A. Studwell PO 4-5507
Records: 1865 to date at home of Mrs. Lulu B. Harris
Westchester Avenue, Pound Ridge PO 4-5673

Universalist

First Universalist Society 1875
Discontinued 1889
Records: None located

NEW CANAAN, CONNECTICUT

Originally part of Norwalk called Canaan Parish & of Stamford
INCORPORATED as a separate town 1801

AREA 22 square miles POPULATION 10,000

POST OFFICES New Canaan

COMMUNITIES OR DISTRICTS
Canoe Hill
Clapboard Hill
Frogtown
Oencke Ridge
Ponus Ridge
Richmond Hill
Scotts Corners
Sellecks Corners
Silver Mine
Smiths Ridge
Talmadge Hill
White Oak Shade

TOWN HALL Main Street. Houses offices of:

TOWN CLERK Roland H. Gardner WO 6-0160
Hours: 9:00 - 5:00 Monday - Friday (except holidays)
Records: Prior to 1801 are at Norwalk, Town Clerk's Office.& Stamford
1801 to date: Deeds (indexed)
Mortgages (indexed)
Vital statistics

PROBATE COURT Judge Carl V. Nelson Wo 6-1530
Hours: 9-12,1-5 Monday - Friday
Closed Saturday, Sunday, holidays
Records: Prior to 1728 in Fairfield Probate Court
1728-1801 in Fairfield and Stamford.
1802-1936 in Norwalk.
1937 to date in New Canaan

NEW CANAAN LIBRARY (see below)

NEW CANAAN HISTORICAL SOCIETY (in Library)

President: ~~Marshall H. Montgomery~~ Dr. Jerome Selinger
Hours: 9:30 - 6:00 Monday through Saturday
7:30 - 8:30 Tuesday and Thursday evening
Closed Sundays and holidays. (opened upon request to librarian)
Material: Excellent collection of standard genealogical works with emphasis on New England sources.

Church Records
New Canaan Methodist Church: copied, typed, bound by Lester Card.
Congregational Church
St. Marks Parish: Benedict Index to Vol. II, III, IV.
Index of the Register of the Methodist Church of New Canaan. Benedict 1953 VOLS. I - V, 1787 - 1945. Births, Baptisms, Marriages, Deaths and other.

School Records
Copy of Records of School District #1. Vol I (1816-1855), Vol. II (1855-1894)

Cemetery Records
Records of Lakeview Cemetery Burials
New Canaan Rural Cemeteries, 1931

The Ogden House

The Ogden House, a period-furnished saltbox farmhouse dating from circa 1750, is one of the oldest structures in Fairfield. Here the Society interprets customs, values, work and leisure patterns in 18th century Fairfield. The Fairfield Garden Club expands the interpretation by maintaining an accurate herb garden and an indigenous wildflower area. Guided tours and activities are scheduled weekends (1-4:30 pm) from mid-May to mid-ctober; special tours may be arranged year-round.

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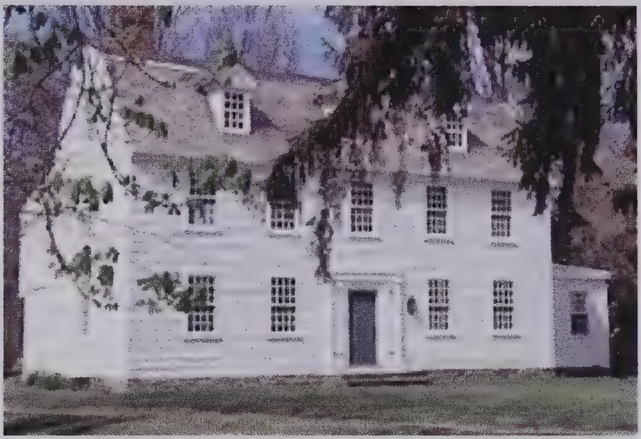

The (Rising) Sun Tavern

Built by Samuel Penfield in 1780 to replace an earlier tavern burned by the British during their invasion in the summer of 1779. A wood-framed and shingled Georgian style structure, it features a symmetrical facade and dormered roof.

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CHAPTER LXII.

RIDGEFIELD.

Geographical—Topographical—Original Name Candatowa—Petition for Purchase of Lands—First Indian Deed—First Grant of Lands—The Settlement—Names of Pioneers—Acts Relating to Home-lots—The Pioneer Blacksmith—The First Grist-mill—Further Purchase from the Indians—Exemption from Taxation—The Perry Family.

RIDGEFIELD lies on the west border of the county of Fairfield, and is bounded as follows: On the north by the town of Danbury; on the east by the towns of Danbury and Redding; on the south by the town of Wilton and the county of Westchester, N. Y.; and on the west by Westchester and Putnam Counties, in the State of New York. Its surface is diversified by hills and valleys, and the soil is fertile.

ORIGINAL NAME.

Prior to 1708 the territory embraced within the present bounds of the town of Ridgefield was in the undisputed possession of the red man, and called by him *Candatowa*, meaning "high land."

In May of that year (1708) a petition was presented to the General Assembly by a number of the inhabitants of the town of Norwalk for the purchase of these lands. The petitioners asked "libertie to purchase of the Indians a certain tract of land bounded south on Norwalk bounds, north-east in Danbury, and west upon York-line."

The General Assembly granted the prayer of the petitioners, "provided it doth not prejudice any former grant; this Assembly reserving to themselves a power for the settlement and allotment of the land so to be purchased among the petitioners, and such others as the said General Assembly shall judge meet."

THE FIRST INDIAN DEED.

The tract was purchased for one hundred pounds, and on Sept. 30, 1708, a deed was executed by Catoonah, sachem of the Ramapoo Indians, of which the following is a copy:

"*To all people to whom these presents shall Come Greeting &c.* Know ye that I Catoonah Sachem of Ramapoo Indians and Associates within her Majesties province of New York in America. For & in Consideration of y^e sum of One Hundred Pounds as current money of said province. To us in hand before the ensealing hereof well and Truly Paid by John Belden, Samuell Keeler Sen^r, Matthew Seamor James Brown Benjamin Wilson, Joseph Birchard, John Whitne Sen^r. Matthias Saint John Benjamin Hickcock, John Beebe Samuel Saint John, John Bouten Joseph Keeler, Samuel Smith Junior, Jonathan Stevens, Daniell Olmsted, Richard Olmsted, John Stirdevant, Samuel Keeler Jun^r, Joseph Bouton, Jonathan Rockwell, Edmond Wareing, Joseph Whitne, Daniel Hait, Thomas Hyott, James Benedick, Joseph Crampton, Ebenezer Sension, Matthew Saint John, all of the Town of Norwalk in y^e County of Fairfield, within her Majesties Colony of Connecticot in New England, and Thomas Smith Thomas Canfield, & Samuell Smith, of the Town of Milford in y^e County of New Haven & Colonie aforesaid The Receipt whereof we do hereby acknowledg, and our selves therewith fully Satisfied, and Contented, and thereof and of every part and percell thereof Do Exonerat Acquitt & discharge the said John Belden, Samuel Keeler Sen^r, Matthew Seamor, James Brown, Benjamin Wilson, Joseph Birchard, John Whitne Sen^r, Matthias Saint John, Benjamin Hickcock, John Beebe, Samuell Saint John, John Bouton, Joseph Keeler, Samuell Smith, Jonathan Stevens, Daniel Olmsted, Richard Olmsted, John Stirdevant, Samuel Keeler Jun^r, Joseph Bouton, Jonathan Rockwell, Edmond Wareing, Joseph Whitne, Daniell Hait, Thomas Hyott, James Bennedick, Joseph Crampton, Ebenezer Sension, Matthew Saint John, Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, and Samuel Smith, their heirs executors, administrators forever by these presents. Have given, granted bargained, sold Alowed Conveyed and Confirmed, and by these presents Do freely fully and absolutely give grant bargain sell, Aliene Convey and Confirm unto them the said John Belden, Samuell Keeler Jun^r, Matthew Seamor, James Brown, Benjamin Wilson, Joseph Birchard, John Whitne Sen^r, Matthias Saint John, Benjamin Hickcock, John Beebe, Samuel Saint John, John Bouton, Joseph Keeler, Samuell Smith, Jonathan Stevens, Daniell Olmsted, Richard Olmsted, John Stirdevant, Samuell Keeler, Joseph Bouton, Jonathan Rockwell, Edmond Wareing, Joseph Whitne, Daniel Hait, Thomas Hyott, James Bennedick, Joseph Crampton, Ebenezer Sension, Matthew Saint John, Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, and Samuel Smith, their Associates heirs and assigns forever. A Certain Tract of Land Scituat Lying and being so esteamed within her Majesties Colony of Conecticott aforesaid Butted and Bounded as followeth, at a Rock with stones Lay'd thereon that lyeth upon y^e west side of Norwalk River about twenty rod northward of the Crossing or where Danbury old Cart path Crosseth the River which said Rock is the South East Corner and from said Corner a line Runneth upwards unto Umpewange pond to a White Oak Tree, Standing by the Northwest Corner of said Pond, the said tree being marked and Stones Lay'd about it and is the North East Corner, and from the said Corner Tree, another line Running near Two points to the North of West into a pond Called Nesopack and Continues y^e Same Coarse untill it meets with a second pond Called Aokkeels, Crossing by y^e south End of both ponds, and from thence Running Near West until it Extends to a place Called Mamanasquag, where is a Oak Tree Marked on y^e North Side of the outlet of water that Comes out from a sort of a grassy pond, which is known and Called by Said Name, which tree is the North West Corner, and from said Tree another line Running South bearing to y^e East About one mile and a half. Running by y^e East side of another Mountain Called Asoquatah untill it meets Stanford Bound line, about a quarter of a mile to y^e Eastward of Cross River pond, where stands a Marked White Oak tree with Stones about it, and is y^e South West Corner, and from said Marked tree a long by Stanford line untill it Comes to Norwalk purchase and so by Said Purchase Bounds to the Said Rock at the South East Corner. Containing by Estimation Twenty Thousand Acres, be it more or less. The Four Corners of Said Tract of Land being Called by the following Indian Names South East Corner 'Wheer Cock' North East Corner 'Wononkpakoonk' North West Corner 'Mamanasquag' South West Corner 'Narahawmis.'

"To Have and to Hold the Said granted and bargained premises, with all the appurtenances, priviledges, and Comodities to the same, belonging or in anywise Appertaining to them y^e Above Named persons, their Associates, heirs, and assigns forever, to them and their only proper Use, bennefitt, and behoof forever. And I the Said Catoonah and Associats, for ourselves, our heirs, Executors, administrators, Do Covenant, promise, and grant to and with the above Said persons, their associates, heirs, and assigns, that before the Ensealing hereof. We are the true, Sole, and Lawfull Owners of y^e above bargained premises and by Native Right Seized and possessed of the Same in our own proper Right as a Good, perfect, and Absolute Estate of Inheritance in fee Simple, and have in Ourselves good Right, full power, and Sufficient Authority to grant, bargain, Sell, Convey, and Confirms said Bargained premises in manner as above said, and that the said John Belden and the rest above said, their Associats, heirs, and assigns, Shall and may from time to time and at all times forever hereafter, by force and virtue of these presents Lawfully and peaceably and quietly Have, Hold, Use, Occupie, possess and injoy the said Demissed and bargained premisses.

"With the appurtenances free and Clear, and freely and Clearely Acquitted, Exonerated & Discharged of from all and all Mannor of former and other gifts, grants, bargains, Sales, Leases, Mortgages, Wills, Intails, Joynters, Dowries, Judgements, Executions, Incumbrances & Extents.

"Furthermore, I the said Catoonah and Associates, for ourselves, our heirs, Executors, administrators, Do Covenant and Ingage y^e above Demissed premisses to them the said John Belden and the rest above said, their Associates, heirs, and assigns, against the Lawfull Claims or Demands of any person or persons whatsoever, forever hereafter to Warrent, secure, and Defend.

"In Witness whereof, we have hereunto Sett our hands and Seals this Thirtieth Day of September, in the Seventh year of the Reign of

our Sovereign Lady Ann, Queen of England, &c., and in ye year of our Lord God, 1708.

"Signed, Sealed, and Delivered in ye presence of

"John Holmes, Jr.
"Joseph Seeley.
"John Copp.

"Gootquas. his mark.

"Gootquas. his mark.

"Mahke. his mark.

"Tawpoznick. his mark.

his mark.
"Catoonah. ye Sachems.

"Woquacomick. his mark.

"Waspahchain. his mark.

"Wawkamawwee. his mark.

"Naraneka. his mark.

"Cawwehorin. his mark.

"This Above Written Bill of Sale is Acknowledged by ye Grantors this 30th Day of September, 1708.

"Before me,

"Samuel Hait,
"*Justice of Peace.*

Recorded February 3d, 1709-10.

"John Copp,
"*Recorder.*"

The next step in the enterprise was to survey the land and lay it out into a town-plot, which was accordingly done in 1709 by Maj. Peter Burr, of Fairfield, John Copp, of Norwalk, and Josiah Starr, of Danbury. This committee reported to the General Assembly, and that body, under date Oct. 13, 1709, made the following grant:

FIRST GRANT OF LANDS.

"*WHEREAS*, the Generall Assembly of this Colony, Holden at Hartford, May 13th 1708—Upon the petition of Sundry of the Inhabitants of the town of Norwalk praying for liberty to purchase of the Indians a certain Tract of Land lying within this Colony Bounded Northerly and Northeasterly with the Town of Danbury, Southerly with the Said Town of Norwalk and West or Westerly with ye line or boundary between this Colony & ye province of New York, to the end they might make a Plantation there, and settle upon the Same— Did Grant to the said Petitioners a liberty to purchase the same Tract of Land.

"And pursuant thereto ye said Petitioners did buy and purchase of Catoonah a Sachem—and other Indians the aforesaid tract of Land as by their Deed of Conveyance thereof under their hands and Seals bearing Date September 30 1708 now laid before this Assembly had been made to appear. And whereas the General Assembly of this Colony Holden at Hartford, May ye 12th, 1709. Did desire and Impower Major Peter Burr Mr John Copp, and Mr Josiah Starr to make a Survey of the said tract of Land and to lay out a Town Platt there and to Make Return of their doings therein to this Assembly at this time, and the said Peter Burr & John Copp in pursuance thereof, having taken a view of the said Tract of Land, & have thereupon made a Return or Report thereof to this Assembly which hath been read and Considered.

"This Assembly Do now give and Grant to the said petitioners, that is to say to the Persons hereafter named viz John Belden Samuel Keeler Senr, Matthew Seamor Matthias St John, Benjamin Wilson Samuel St John James Brown Benjamin Hickcock Joseph Keeler, Samuel Keeler Jr Samuel Smith Matthew St John Jonathan Stevens Daniel Olmstead John Sturdevant Jonathan Rockwell Joseph Whitney Thomas Hyatt James Benedict Joseph Crampton & Richard Olmstead of the said Town of Norwalk and Thomas Smith Thomas Canfield Samuel Smith & Ebenezer Smith of ye Town of Milford, and to their heirs and assigns forever, All the afore Mentioned Tract or Parcel of Land Butted & Bounded as followeth, that is to say, On the South or Southerly with the said Town of Norwalk, On the West or Westerly with the line or boundary between this Colony and the Province of New York, On the East or Easterly partly with the line to be continued and Run like unto the line between ye said Town of Norwalk and the Town of Fairfield from the North End thereof unto a certain black Oak tree marked with Letters and haveing Stones layed about the Same Standing upon the Mountain, commonly caled the West Cedar Mountain and partly with a direct and Strait line to be run from said Black Oak Tree to a certain Large White Oak Tree marked and having Stones layed about it Standing at or near the North West Corner of Umpewange pond. And on the North or Northerly with a direct Strait Line to be run from the said White Oak Tree to the South Westerly Corner of the Town of Danbury and continued unto the Said Line or Boundary between this Colony and the Province of New York be the said Tract of Land more or Less, With all and Singular the rights Members and appurtenances thereof. And this Assembly do hereby Enact & Grant That the said Tract of Land shall be an Intire Township of it self, and shall be Called and Known by the name of Ridgfield, and shall be held and enjoyed by the said John Belden Samuel Keeler Senr Matthew Seamor Matthias St John Benjamin Wilson, Samuel St John James Brown Benjamin Hickock Joseph Keeler Samuel Keeler Jr Samuel Smith Matthew St. John Jonathan Stevens Daneel Olmstead John Sturdevant Jonathan Rockwell Joseph Whitney Thomas Hyatt James Benedict Joseph Crampton and Richard Olmstead of Norwalk, and Thomas Smith Thomas Canfield Samuel Smith and Ebenezer Smith of the Town of Milford and their heirs and Assigns in Equal and Even Shares, & be divided accordingly into lotts and parcells from time to time by the Order of the Major Vote of them, to be accounted by the Major part of interests therein. Provided that this act shall not be construed to the prejudice of any former Grant of this Court and provided always—nevertheless that if the said John Belden Samuel Keeler Senr Matthew Seamor Matthew St. John Benjamin Wilson Samuel St John James Brown Benjamin Hickock Joseph Keeler Samuel Keeler Jr Samuel Smith Matthew St John Jonathan Stevens Daneel Olmstead John Sturdevant Jonathan Rockwell Joseph Whitney Thomas Hyatt James Bennedick Joseph Crampton and Richard Olmstead Thomas Smith Thomas Canfield Samuel Smith and Ebenezer Smith their heirs assigns or associates. Do not or shall not within four Years next after the date of this act or Grant, Settle or Dwell upon the said tract of Land to ye number of twenty Eight families, and after continue and Dwell there for the Space of four Years next following, that then it shall be in the Liberty and power of this Assembly to grant of the said Tract of Land Settlement to any other persons as they shall se cause."

"A true copy of Record.

"Test

"Caleb Stanly,
"*Secretary.*

THE RIDGEFIELD PATENT.

The following is a copy of the patent issued in 1714:

"*WHEREAS* the Governour, Councill and Representatives of Her Majesties Colony of Connecticutt in New England in General Court assembled, Did by an Act bearing Date Octobr 13th Anno Domini 1709, Grant unto John Belden, Samuel Keeler Senr, Matthew Seamore, Matthias Saintjohn, Benjamin Willson, Samuel Saintjohn, James Brown, Benjamin Hickcock, Joseph Keeler, Samuel Keeler, Junr, Saml Smith, Matthew Saintjohn, Jonathan Stevens, Daneel Olmsted, John Sturdevant, Jonathan Rockwell, Joseph Whitne, Thomas Hyatt, James Benedict, Joseph Crampton, and Richard Olmsted, all of ye Town of Norwalk, in ye County of Fairfield in ye Colony aforesaid, and Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, Samuel Smith, and Ebenezr Smith of the Town of Milford in ye County of New Haven, in ye Colony aforesaid, One Certain Tract of land, as by the said act doth full appear, the same tract of land, being situate, butted, and bounded as in the said act and Grant is Expressed, Viz, On ye South or Southerly with ye said Town of Norwalk, On the West, or westerly with the line or boundary between this Colony and the Province of New York, On the East or Eastwardly partly with a line to be Continued and run like unto the line between the said Town of Norwalk and the Town of Fairfield, from the North end thereof unto a black Oak tree mark't with letters & having stones laid about the same, Standing upon the mountain Commonly Called ye west Cedar mountain, and partly with a direct and streight line to be run from the said black Oak tree to a Certain large white Oak Tree mark't, and having stones laid about it. Standing at or Near the Northwest Corner of Umpawaug Pond, and on the North or Northely with a direct strait line to be run from ye said white Oak Tree to the Southwest Corner of the Town of Danbury and Continued unto the said line or boundary between this Colony, and the Province of New York, be the same Tract of land more or less, all which appears by the aforesaid Act, And Whereas they, the said John Belden, Samuel Keelar Senr, Matthew Seamore, Matthias Saintjohn, Benjamin Willson, Saml St. John, James Brown, Benjamin Hickcock, Joseph Keeler, Saml Keeler Junr, Saml Smith, Matthew Saintjohn, Jonathan Stevens, Daniel Olmsted, John Sturdevant, Jonathan Rockwell, Joseph Whitne, Thomas Hyatt, James Benedict, Joseph Crampton, and Richard Olmstedd, Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, Samuel Smith, and Ebenezr Smith pursuant to the law Title, the Tenure of Our lands, have made application for a Pattent, for the Confirmation of the said Tract of land to them, their heirs and assigns, Know all men Therefore by these presents, that the Governour and Company of Her Majestie To Colony of Connecticutt by Virtue of the Power Granted to them, by our Late Soveraign Lord King Charles the Second, of blessed memory in and by his said Majesties Lettrs Pattents under the Great Seal of England bearing Date the Twenty third day of Aprill in the fourteenth year of his Reign; Have Given, Granted, Ratified and Confirmed, and by these presents, Do Give Grant, Ratifie and Confirm both for themselves, their heirs and Successors, unto the said John Belden, Samuel Keeler Senr, Matthew Seamore, Matthias St John, Benjamin Willson, Saml St John, James Brown, Benjamin Hickcock, Joseph Keeler, Saml Keeler Junr, Saml Smith, Matthew St John, Jonathan Stevens, Daniel Olmstedd, John Sturdevant, Jonathan Rockwell, Joseph Whitne, Thomas Hyatt, James Benedict, Joseph Crampton, and Richard Olmsted, Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, Samd Smith and Ebenezr Smith and to their heirs and Assigns for ever all, and singular the above mentioned Tract of land and Every part thereof, with all and Singular rights proffits, privilidges Commodities, Emoluments and appurtenances what forever To the said Tract of land belonging or in any wise appertaining, To Have And To Hold the said Tract of land, and every part thereof unto them the said John Belden, Samuel Keeler Senr, Matthew Seamore, Matthias St John, Benjamin Willson, Saml Saintjohn, James Brown, Benjamin Hickcock, Joseph Keeler, Samuel Keeler Junr, Saml Smith, Matthew Saintjohn, Jonathan Stevens, Daniel Olmsted, John Sturdevant, Jonathan Rockwell, Joseph Whitne, Thomas Hyatt, James Benedict, Joseph Crampton and Richard Olmstedd, Thomas Smith, Thomas Canfield, Samuel Smith and Ebenezr Smith and To their heirs and assigns forever and to their Only proper benefitt and behoof, from the day of the date hereof, and from time to time and att all times forever hereafter as a good, sure, lawfull, absolute, and Indefeafable Estate of inheritance in Fee Simple, without any Condition Limitation use or other thing to alter, or make void the same. And in such Shares and in such proportions, as they either already have or hereafter shall agree for ye Division and partition of the same, To Hold of her Majestie, Her heirs and Successors, as of her Majesties Mannor of East Greenwich in the County of Kent, in the Kingdom of England in free and Common socage, and not in Capitee, Nor by Knights service Yielding and paying therefor to Our Soveraign Lady the Queen her heirs and Successors forever, Only ye fifth part of all the Oar of Gold and Silver which from Time to Time and att all times forever hereafter Shall be there Gotten had or obtained, in Lieu of all Services, Duties and demands what forever according to Charter. In Witness whereof we have caused the Seal of the Colony to be hereunto affixed in Hartford ye Twenty second day of May in the Thirteenth year of the reign of Our Soveraign Lady Anne, by the Grace of God, Queen of Great Brittain France and Ireland, Defender of the Faith &c Anno Domini 1714.

"G. SALTONSTALL,
"*Governor.*

"By His Hond Command
"HEZ: WYLLYS,
"*Secry.*

"Recorded in ye Publick records of ye Colony of Connecticut Second book of entries of Pattents and Surveys of lands Folio 52, 53, 54.

"pr Hez: WYLLYS,
"*Secrett.*"

THE SETTLEMENT.—NAMES OF PIONEERS.

The preliminary steps having now been taken, the pioneers were next to decide upon the location of their future home; and the first settlement was made upon the site of the present village of Ridgefield. A street running east and west, with the generous dimensions of six roods in width, was at once surveyed along the eastern declivity of the ridge. On either side of this street were located the home-lots, of two and one-half acres each. In the rear of these lots additional lots of five acres were laid out.

In the early days the lottery system was in vogue for almost all purposes of raising money for public improvement. Manufacturing establishments were founded in this way, money raised for churches, etc., and the good people of Ridgefield drew their home-lots in a lottery. In various records in New England it was styled "pitching for land."

ACTS RELATING TO HOME-LOTS.

The following interesting extracts are taken from the town records:

"*The several Acts Relating to ye Home Lotts & the addition made to the Same is as followeth.*

"Nov 1st 1708 Voted by said proprietors that a Commettee shall be chosen to Lay out the Town Plott.

"At the Said Meeting the said proprietors by a Major Vote appointed and made Choise of Mr Samuel Keeler Senr Matthew Seamer, Joseph Bouton with John Copp to Lay out the Town Plott.

"At the said Meeting Voted by said proprietors that the Home Lotts now to be Lay'd out by said Committee shall be Two Acres and one half acre.

"At the said Meeting ye Said Proprietors by a Major Vote Resolves and agrees that there shall be a Division of Land added to the Rear of the Home Lotts to the Number of five acres to Each Division. And the said Committee is Impowered to act their best Skill & Judgement to Equalize the Want of quality by adding or allowing quantity to such Home Lotts & Division of Addition as they in judgement may find wanting.

"At a Meeting of the said Proprietors Convened in Norwalk Nov ye 8th 1708.

"The above said Committee makes a Return of their doings in and about the Home Lotts & ye addition made to ye Rear of ye same. With an account of such Disproportion of their quality, that by all that they had done in ye matter of equalizing them there still needed a further Allowance to some Lotts as they were by them Layd out with the Division added to ye Rear of them.

"Upon which Return made by said Committee The said proprietors at ye said meeting by a Major Vote Impower said Committee to Regulate that matter according to ye best of their judgements to add to such Home Lotts & Division annexed. Or to any other Division of Lands to be Lay'd out to any such proprietor, to whom such Home Lott with ye anext Division shall fall to when Drawn, that by said Committee shall be Judged Wanting in quality with the Generality of ye best of the Home Lots and annext Divisions.

"At a meeting of ye said Proprietors Convenied in Norwalk November ye 25 1708,

"Voted by Said proprietors that the Lotterie prepared for ye Distribution of the Home Lotts with ye anext Division, unto the said proprietors Shall at this time be Drawn, Which Lottery is methodized as followeth:

"Beginning on the East Tear of Lotts, ye southermost Lott joining to the Land Lay'd out for a burying Yard—Calling that Lott the first in Number, & sucsevively Northward to the 12th Lott and then begining at ye Northermost Lott on the West tear numbering said Lott ye thirteenth Lott and so sucsessively Southward to the Twenty fifth Lott.

"The Draught of which Lottery was as followeth.

No.	
1	Samuel Saint John
2	Samuel Keeler Junr
3	Jonathan Rockwell
4	Thomas Caufield
5	The Proprietors Reserve
6	Matthias Saint John
7	Joseph Whitney
8	Samuel Smith of Milford
9	James Brown
10	John Belden
11	Richard Olmsted
12	Thomas Smith
13	Jonathan Stevens
14	John Sturdevant
15	Thomas Hoyt
16	Benjamin Wilson
17	Benjamin Hickock
18	Matthew Saint John
19	Joseph Keeler
20	Matthew Seamer
21	James Bennedick
22	Joseph Crampton
23	Samuel Smith
24	Daniel Olmsted
25	Samuel Keeler Senr"

The following location of the home-lots was made by the Rev. D. W. Teller:

Lot No. 1 was where Mr. John S. Keeler now resides.

No. 2 was immediately north of this, and lying between it and the corner south of Mr. Abraham Holmes'.

Nos. 3 and 4 extended from Mr. Abraham Holmes' to the present residence of Mrs. Mary Hatch.

No. 5 was the one now owned and occupied by Mrs. Irad Hawley.

No. 6 extended from the south side of Mr. Henry E. Hawley's residence to the north side of Mr. Joshua I. King's garden.

No. 7 extended from the north side of Mr. King's garden to the corner of the street north of Mr. Sereno Hurlbutt's residence.

No. 8 was the lot now owned and occupied by Phineas Lounsbury, Esq.

No. 9 is now occupied by Philip L. Barhite, Esq., and Dr. William S. Todd.

No. 10 extended from the fence south of Mrs. Hyatt's house to the fence north of Mr. Samuel J. Barlow.

No. 11 embraced the town-house lot, Mr. L. C. Seymour's house and store, and Mrs. Wescott's house.

No. 12 extended from the residence of the late Josiah Danchy, Esq., to the road north of Mr. Isaac Osborn's.

No. 13 included the present residences of Mr. Henry Mead, Mr. Elijah L. Thomas, and Mr. Keeler Danchy.

Nos. 14, 15, 16, 17 extended from the fence north of the Episcopal church to the corner south of the residence of J. Howard King, Esq.

Nos. 18, 19, 20, 21 extended from the road north of Mrs. Sarah Jewitt's to the one south of Mr. David K. Hoyt's.

Nos. 23, 24, 25 extended from the corner now occupied by the carriage-manufactory of Mr. Ebenezer Jones to the fence south of the residence of Mr. William Benedict.

It will be observed that lot No. 22 is omitted in this reckoning, the reason for which is found in the fact that it nowhere appears on the town records after it was numbered and drawn. The inference is that it was thrown out, for we find Mr. Joseph Crampton, who drew the lot, located on the land now owned by Mrs. Shaw and Mr. L. O. Northrop.

The next spring, after the division of the home-lots, the proprietors proceeded to divide such parts of the outlying lands as would be most suitable for grazing, plowing, and mowing, sharing equally in each.

The following will show the method of such division:

"At a Meeting of said Proprietors Convened March 1st, 1708^{9},

"The proprietors, by a Major Vote do agree upon a Division of Plow Land to be Lay'd out as soon as may be.

"At the said Meeting the Proprietors by a Major Vote have chosen Mr Samuel Keeler Senr Matthias Saint John and Samuel Smith for their Committee—To take a view of what Lands are suitable to Lay out for a Division of Plow Land within the Limits of One Mile and a half from the Center of the Town Plott, and Lay out what Land they so find into such Divisions as the Land will allow according to the number of proprietors."

"At a meeting Convened of said Proprietors March 28th, 1709,

"The said Committee make Return of their Doings on the Land found within ye limits stated in ye Vote passed March the 1st as above said, fixing upon six acres to a Division, and accordingly to their best skill and Judgement have Lay'd out a number of Divisions equal to the number of proprietors, allowing to some Divisions more measure than ye fixt quantity to equalize them with the better Divisions."

It will be observed in every instance that the quality of the land determined the quantity. No home-lot fell below two and one-half acres, but it might consist of three or three and one-half acres if it was deemed of poor quality. So also the five-acre lots in the rear might have five acres or more in them. Then there would be sections of land not reckoned, and these might lie between two divisions, afterwards to be appropriated to some new-comer. This would apply to the outlying lands rather than to the village lots.

In the spring of 1709, on the 22d of April, Ebenezer Smith, of Milford, by a major vote of the proprietors, was permitted to come in and share equally with the twenty-five. He settled on the lot where George Smith, Esq., now resides. This property has never passed out of the Smith family.

Joseph Benedict, of Norwalk, was admitted in like manner on the 31st of the following October. He settled on the lot lying between Mr. William Benedict's and Mr. L. O. Northrup's, and, as originally designated, between Mr. Samuel Keeleins and Mr. Joseph Crampton's.

THE PIONEER BLACKSMITH.

The pioneers evidently anticipated the necessities of the little settlement, for under date of May 6, 1712, appears the following vote in relation to a blacksmith:

"At a meeting of the Proprietors of Ridgefield at Ridgefield May the 6th A.D. 1712

"The said proprietors by their Major Vote Do Grant to Mr. Benjamin Burt now resident of Norwalk, a certain Right of Lands, Reserved by

them for a Blacksmith, which Right of land contains one twenty-eighth part of all the purchased Land contained within the limits of their granted propriety or township. With also a priviledge to purchase with them a like part or proportion of the unpurchased lands that lyeth within y^{e} granted Bounds of their Township (of the Native proprietors thereof) with al the Several Divisions already Layed out under said Right.

"To be to him, his heirs and assigns absolutely and as fully to have To Have Hold, use occupie possess and injoy in as full and free a manner, with the rest of the proprietors of said Granted Township, Provided he the said Benjamin Burt, pay to Joseph Keeler of said Town of Ridgefield y^{e} sum of nine pounds in money according to the agreement now made with him, And with all convenient speed dwell as an inhabitant among them in order to carry on the trade of a Blacksmith among them, And forthwith Supply them with an able hand, to perform such Smith work for them, that they stand in need of untill he shall remove with his family among them and be thereby able to perform such work for them himself, or by others under his care and Command, And it is to be understood that if the said Burt (shall at any time before the full Termination of four Years from May the Ninth 1712,) have a Mind to remove from them, he shall not give, grant, bargain, sell Directly nor Indirectly make any Alienation of said Right of Land granted to him, but to such a person as shall be found capable to carry on the work of a Blacksmith among them. And further the said Burt doth hereby promise and Oblidge himself faithfully to use his utmost endeavour to settle a Blacksmith on said Right. If he shall incline to remove from them after his continuence among them y^{e} term of Years above said.

"The above said y^{e} original Draught of said act.

"Test RICHARD OLMSTED,
Town Clerk.

"Recorded November 28, 1712.

"Per me JOHN COPP,
"*Recorder.*"

Mr. Burt settled on the lot now occupied by the Methodist church.

THE FIRST GRIST-MILL.

One of the greatest inconveniences experienced by the early settlers was the want of mills for grinding grain. The pioneers of Ridgefield early took this matter into consideration, and under date Jan. 30, 1716, the following agreement was entered into for the erection of a grist-mill:

"*To all Christian People to whom these Presents shall Come Greeting* Know Ye that I Daniel Sherwood of Ridgfield in the County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut in New England, For and in Consideration of a bill of sale of Lands received of the Proprietors of Ridgfield and bearing date with these presents, which is to my full satisfaction. For and upon which consideration aforesaid I the said Daniel Sherwood for myself heirs and assigns, Do by these presents engage unto and Covenant with y^{e} said Proprietors of Ridgefield their heirs assigns, and associates for the faithfull punctual, universal fulfilment of this Covenant, following in every Condition Clause and article hereof viz.

"Imprimis, I y^{e} said Daniel Sherwood do engage for myself heirs and assigns to erect a good sufficient Grist Mill on the Outlet of Mamanasguog Pond so called and known by the Proprietors of Ridgfield.

"2^{d}ly I declare myself bound hereby io maintain y^{e} same and uphold it (or another in the same place) always in good rigg, and order for grinding.

"3^{d}ly I covenant for myself heirs and assigns upon y^{e} Teusdays and Fridays of every week (when ever water may be had by y^{e} use of means) to grind for said Proprietors, their heirs, assigns, and associates, all sorts of their grain, well and sufficiently, making good and well-conditioned meal, and to take but, and no more, than three quarts out of each bushel of Indian corn, and two quarts out of each bushel of wheat or rye, and one quart of each bushel of malt (that I, my heirs, or assigns, shall grind) for toll.

"Fourthly What was of grain shall be brought to y^{e} said Mill by the said proprietors, their heirs, assigns, or associates on the forementioned grinding days, more than can be ground on said days, that it shall on the next following week days be ground without delay, and the said Sherwood do hereby bind and oblige myself, heirs, and assigns, that whatever grain shall be brought on or before any of the said grinding days (on any day) more than the mill grinds on said days, shall be ground out of hand, whether men wait and attend on the grinding thereof or not.

"Furthermore (according to the original intent of both parties). I y^{e} said Sherwood do bind and Oblige myself, heirs, and assigns, by virtue of this Covenant (in case of failure and non-performance of every clause, article, and condition, according to plain intent, or upon neglect of due means, and all thorough, seasonable, and faithfull endeavours upon any breaches whatsoever, to rectify, keep, and maintain, y^{e} same with every thing necessary and essential thereunto, in good trim and order, for the ends before, covenanted and accordingly improve it) I, the said Sherwood, by virtue hereof, do bind myself, heirs, and assigns, to forfeit and deliver up y^{e} said Mill and Stream unto the said proprietors with all its properties and appurtenances and priviledges whatsoever in anywise thereunto, shall at the time of forfeiture appertain, hereby Covenanting not to export or carry away any part property or utensill whatsoever thereunto belonging and do upon condition of failure in covenant for myself, heirs, and assigns, give unto the said Proprietors of Ridgfield their heirs and assigns all full power and authority to enter upon, possess, and enjoy the same; and to convert and improve it to what end and use soever they please by virtue of these presents. In Testimony whereof I do bind myself, heirs, and assigns, set to my hand and seal this thirtieth day of January anno Dominis 1716^{17}

"DANIEL SHERWOOD [SEAL]

"In presence of us
JOSEPH PLATT
EBENEZER BARNUM

"Ridgfield Jan^{r} 30th 1716^{17} Personally Appeared Daniel Sherwood y^{e} subscriber to this instrument and did acknowledge it for to be his free act and deed before me

"JOSEPH PLATT,
"*Justice.*

"Received to Record and Recorded
Jany 30th 1716^{17} per me
"THOMAS HAULEY,
"*Register.*"

Mr. Daniel Sherwood erected his mill, as designated, on the outlet of Mamanasco Lake, and was appropriated a home-lot immediately north of Mr. Benjamin Burt's.

Rev. Thomas Hauley was doubtless here prior to 1713; in that year his signature is annexed to a deed as a witness.

OTHER PURCHASES FROM THE INDIANS.

On the 18th of March, 1715, the proprietors made a second purchase of lands from the Indians, as the following deed will show:

"*Know all men by these presents* that I Tackora alias Oreneca, indian, one of the native proprietors and owners of these tracts of unpurchased lands Lying above Ridgefield in y^{e} County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut in New England for and in consideration of four pounds Current money of y^{e} Colony of Connecticut to me in hand paid, or secured to be paid by y^{e} proprietors of the Town of Ridgfield in the County and Colony aforesaid viz M^{r} Richard Osburn Samuel Saint John Benjamin Wilson Thomas Smith Thomas Hauley Jonah Keeler, Timothy Keeler Nor^{k} Samuel Smith Daniel Olmsted, Jonathan Rockwell Benjamin Hayt Henry Whitne Joseph Northrup Mill^{d} Samuel Smith Joshua Lobdell Moses Northrup Benjamin Benedick, Richard Olmsted, Ebenezer Smith James Wallace Daniel Sherwood, Benjamin Burt David Scott John Sturdevant Joseph Platt Milford Thomas Hyatt y^{e} Heirs of Thomas Rockwell deceased Matthew Saint John Matthias Saint John Joseph Keeler Matthew Seamer Daniel Arrus James Benedict Joseph Benedict James Northrup Joseph Crampton and Jonathan Wood, Have and do by these presents freely crearly and absolutely Grant Sell and Confirm unto the above named proprietors of the Town of Ridgefield and their heirs and assigns for ever a certain tract or parcel of Land belonging unto me y^{e} said Oreneca Lying Situate being bounded as followeth viz beginning at a White Wood tree standing about four rods west of y^{e} Mill and stands on the north side of the outlett running out of Mamanasquogg pond on

which the Mill now stands and from thence running by y^e said Outlett till we come to a small Elm Staddle marked on each side and standing on the East side of y^e Mill outlett, and from thence over Titicus to a butternutt tree, and from thence under the Mountain as tis bounded by marked trees till we come to a black Oak tree marked on each side, thence Elbowing till we come to a marked Bass tree Lying by a brook, near the lower end of Mopoas Ridge, thence immediately across y^e brook to a black Oak tree a little below the Lower End of Mopoos Ridge, thence over Titicus near a Northwest line as tis bounded by trees, to a small black Oak Staddle standing by a small brook, running out of the West hills, thence Directly over the brook near a southwest line to a white Oak tree under y^e mountain with stones laid about the same which is a corner boundary and from hence a South or South East line as tis bounded to a Small Walnut Staddle standing on a heap of rocks, thence something South East down towards y^e pond; thence something Eastward between the mountain and Mamanasquogg pond to the lower end thereof, over a small run then named punch Brook, thence about fourty rods South East to a white Oak tree marked and stones Lay'd about the same which was the lower corner meeting with the Old Purchase, all which quantity or parcel of Land, I the said Oreneca Have Sold and Confirmed unto y^e above named proprietors their heirs and assigns for ever to enjoy y^e same in quantity and quality, according to each mans interest or propriety of Lands in Ridgefield, immediately before the purchase hereof i.e. a half right man shall have but half so good an interest in the bargained premises as a whole right man shall, (the said James Wallace excepted To Have and to Hold unto them y^e said proprietors their heirs and assigns for ever, y^e said bargained premises with all the priviledges and Appurtenances thereunto belonging, to the only use benefit and behoof of the said proprietors their heirs and assigns for ever, without any Let Claim or molestation from me the said Orreneca, alias Tackora or my heirs Executors administrators or assigns for ever, or from any person or persons, Indian or English or any other by from or under me or them whatsoever Laying and Demand Challenge or Claim thereunto and I the above named Oreneca do bind myself my heirs Executors and administrators firmly by these presents to free and exonerate all the above bargained premises from any former and other Grants, bargains mortgages or any other incumbrances Whatsoever. In Witness whereof I the said Oreneca have hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 18th day of March anno Domini 1715.

his
"OREXECA × *alias* TACKORA.
mark

"Signed sealed and delivered
in presence of us
ELIPHALET LOCKWOOD
JOSEPH PLATT
OCOMOYWA × *mark*
Consent.

"Norwalk within the County of Fairfield March 18th day anno Domini 1715. Personally appeared Tackora, alias Oreneca, indian the subscriber to this instrument and did acknowledge it to be his free act and deed before me.

"JOSEPH PLATT,
"*Justice Peace.*"

"Received to Record April 1715 and recorded by me.

"THOMAS HAWLEY,
"*Register.*"

Again, on the 22d day of November, 1721, a third purchase was made. The following is the deed:

"*Know all men by these Presents*, that I Tackore, otherwise Called Norreneca Indian do for and in consideration of the Sum of Six Pounds in Money to me in hand paid or secured to be paid by the Proprietors of Ridgefield, whose names hereafter follows viz Thomas Hawley Richard Osburn Samuel Saint John Benjamin Benedict Benjamin Burt Benjamin Stebbins Ebenezer Smith Thomas Smith Richard Olmsted Joshua Lobdell Milford Samuel Smith Nathan Saint John Henry Whitny Jonathan Rockwell Benjamin Hayt Now^k Samuel Smith Daniel Olmstead Timothy Keeler Jonah Keeler Matthew Seamore Moses Northrup Jonathan Abbott Allexander Resseguie Jonathan Wood, Joseph Benedict James Benedict James Northrup Joseph Northrup Joseph Keeler Matthew St John Thomas Rockwells Heirs, Benjamin Wilson Thomas Hyatt, John Sturdevant Heirs, Joseph Platt Gideon Platt Henry Dwight David Scott James Scott Daniel Sherwood, Do Give Grant bargain Sell and by these presents have given Granted Bargained Sold and fully confirmed unto the aforesaid Proprietors viz Thomas Hawley Richard Osborn Samuel Saint John Benjamin Burt Benjamin Benedict with all the rest before named and to their heirs and assigns for ever, a certain parcel or tract of Land lying within y^e Pattend bounds and supposed Township of said Ridgefield lying and Described as follows viz Beginning upon y^e north side of the Brook at the South End of Titicus or Tomspring mountain (so called) at a great Tree marked in the Old purchase line. Thence South West to the South End of y^e long swamp marking trees, Thence to the East side of Round pond, and by said Pond to the North West side of it. Thence Norwest acrost the Hills to a brook running into the east end of the Long Pond marking Trees from thence a direct course over the brook to a Hemlock tree standing on Titicus River by the Sand Bank near a brook running into Titicus on the West side of said Tree which tree is thus marked B and thence as the river runs to said Tackore^s Old House to a white Oak Tree marked near a horse pound, thence crossing the River to a Tree marked just on the River Thence across y^e south end of Mopoos Ridge to a great White Oak tree standing at the northermost part of a swamp thence crossing the end of the swamp to another marked tree crossing the end of a plain Ridge of Land over Mopoos brook comeing from the north to a white Oak tree marked standing on y^e East side of a brook by the bank.

"Thence easterly to the range of Asproom Mountain and southerly down under the mountain to the head of Mamanasco hill to a white Oak tree standing on the East side of the River near the Watering place. Thence under Asproom mountain at the foot thereof to Copps Mountain and down to the Old line and by said line Westerly to the Mill at the old boundary, and from thence to the first mentioned place in the boundaries in computing their former purchased called the New purchase.

"To Have and To Hold said Granted and bargained premises with all the priviledges and appurtenances to the same belonging or in any wise appertaining I Norreneca say I have sold and fully made over y^e same unto the said Thomas Hawley Richard Osborn Samuel Saint John &c with the above named proprietors and to their heirs and assigns for ever, who shall and may for ever hereafter by virtue hereof Enter upon possess and Enjoy y^e same Convey Convert alienate and improve the same according to their Several Interests in what way and manner, to what use and end soever, they the above named proprietors their heirs and assigns shall find convenient. Furthermore I the said Norreneca do hereby Covenant and Engage to Warrant and Defend y^e same for ever to y^e above said proprietors, their heirs and assigns from me my heirs Executors or Administrators or any Indian or Indians, whatsoever Laying any Lawfull Claim or Challenge thereunto. In Testimony Whereof I do hereunto Set my hand and Seal this 22d day of November Anno Domini 1721.

his
"NORRENEKE × Indian. [SEAL.]
mark

"Signed Sealed and Delivered
in presence of us
BENJAMIN STENBINS
TIMOTHY CANFIELD

"On the 22d of November anno Domini 1721 Norreneca indian personally appeared and acknowledged the above written Instrument to be his free act and deed before me.

"RICHARD OSBORN,
"*Justice.*

"Received to Record November 22nd 1721 and recorded pr me

"THOMAS HAWLEY,
"*Register.*"

On the 4th of July, 1727, a fourth purchase was made. The following is the deed:

"*Know all men by these presents* That We Japorneck & Moses, Indians belonging to Wepack or long pond so Called & Richard and Samm Indians belonging to ammawogg do For and in Consideration of eighteen pounds in money or goods Equivalent, two guns, Eighteen Shillings in hand received, and Three bottles Rhum, paid by y^e propriet^e of Ridgefield, Whose Names hereafter Follow, Viz, Thomas Hauley, Richard Osburn, Sam^l Saintjohn, Benjamin Benedict, Benjamin Burt, Benjamin Stebbins Ebenez^r Smith, Thomas Smith, Richard Olmsted Joshua Lobdell, Milf Sam^l Smith, Nathan Saintjohn, Henry Whitne, Jonath^n Rockwell, Benjamin Hayt, Jonathan Abbott Sen^r, Allexand^r Resseguie, Titus Wood, Joseph Benedick, James Benedict, James Northrup, Joseph Northrup Joseph Lee, Joseph Keeler, Benjamin Heacock Benjamin Wilson, Thomas Hyatt, John Sturdevants heirs, Joseph Platt, Gideon Platt, David Scott, James Scott, Dan^l Sherwood, Norw Sam^l Smith, Daniel Olmsted, Timothy Keeler, Jonah Keeler, Matthew Seamore, Joseph Hobart,

Moses Northrup, Give, Grant bargain Sell, and by these presents do freely fully, and absolutely Sell Convey and Confirm unto y^e said Proprieto^s above named, according to your sevor^l interests in the Proprietyship of Ridgefield, a Certain tract, or parcel of land hereafter described, and mentioned, Namely, all y^e lands included within y^e lines hereafter mentioned, beginning at a large White Oak tree mark't, Standing about twenty miles three hundred and five rodds from Cortlands point the line agreed upon by the Commission and from thence a line Southerly parallell to y^e line Call'd twenty miles from Hudson River, till it meet y^e former purchase made by Cottoona: and again from y^e fore mentioned white Oak Tree a line Northerly parallel also to said Twenty mile line till it meet y^e purchase made of Takore, Comprehending all y^e land, Eastward of said lines, till it come to y^e old purchase lines, to have and to hold y^e said Granted and bargained premises with all ye priviledges and Commodities to the same belonging, or in any wise appertaining, We said indians have sold and fully made over y^e same unto y^e above Named Proprietors and to their heirs and assigns forever, in such proportion as above, according to their sever^l interests to them and theirs, Sole and proper use and benefitt, who shall and may forever hereafter by virtue hereof enter upon, possess and enjoy y^e same, Convey, Convert, alienate and improve it in what way and manner, to what use and soever, they the above named proprieto^s their heirs and assigns Shall See Convenient.

"Furthermore we the said Japorneck, Richard Moses and Samm, indians, do for ourselves and heirs hereby Covenant and Engage to warrant and defend y^e same forever unto y^e proprieto^s of Ridgefield aforesaid and to their heirs and assigns forever, from us and our heirs or any persons what forever, whether English or indians laying any lawfull claim Challenge or demand thereunto.

"In Testimony whereof we do hereunto set our hands and Seals this 4th day of July Anno Domini 1727.

"JAPORNECK, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
RICHARD, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
MOSES, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
SAM, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
WETT HAMS, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
AMMON, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]

"Signed Sealed and delivered
In presence of us
JOHN BOLT, *his* × *mark.*
PETER RANDALL.

"July 4th, 1727 then appeared y^e persons of Japorneck Moses, Richard, Sam, Wett Hams, and Ammon Indians, and did acknowledge the above written Instrument to be their free act and deed. Before me

"RICHARD OSBURN
"*Juste.*

"Received to record July 4th, 1727 and recorded pr me

"THOMAS HAULEY,
"*Register.*"

Two other purchases were made in the year 1729, —the first on the 7th of March, the second on the 10th of April. Below are the deeds:

"*Know all men by these presents* that we Japporneck, Ammon and Wett hams, Samm Moses, Pawguenongi and Crow all indians belonging to long pond or Wepack for and in Consideration of a valuable reward paid or to be paid by y^e Proprietors of Ridgefield Have Given, Granted, bargained Sold and by these presents do freely fully and absolutely Sell, Convey, and Confirm unto y^e proprietors of Ridgefield their heirs and assigns forever, according unto their several interests or proprieties a Certain Tract or parcell of land Supposedly in ye Township of Ridgefield Lying Situate and Butted and bounded as Followeth, Namely, Beginning West at an Oak Staddle standing on y^e west side of y^e Outlett of long pond about six rods west of said Outlett, Near y^e lower fishing place, from thence Southward along y^e line which Mr. Lewls run, and down to y^e old purchase line; and from said Staddle Northward by said line of Mr. Lewis To Titicus river, and bounded East by y^e former purchase made of Japporneck and by y^e purchase made Tackora being in breadth, about three hundred and five rods.

"To Have and To Hold said Granted and bargained premises with all y^e liberties and privileges to y^e same belonging or in any wise apportaining.

"We say we have sold and fully made over y^e same unto y^e said proprieto^s of Ridgefield according to their proportionable interests and properties as above, and to their heirs and assigns forever, who shall and may forever hereafter by virtue hereof, Enter upon possess and Enjoy y^e same Convey Convert alienate and improve it, in what way and manner, to what use and end forever they the said proprietors their heirs, or assigns shall See Convenient.

"Furthermore We the said Japporneck Ammon and Wett Hams, Moses, Samm Pawquenongi and Crow do for ourselves heirs, and assigns, hereby Covenant and Engage to warrant and defend y^e above Granted, and bargained premises unto y^e said proprietors, their heirs and assigns, from us Our heirs, Executors, administrators, or any manner of persons or persons what forever, English or indians laying any manner of Claim Challenge or demand thereunto from by, or under us, or Ours. In Testimony whereof we do hereunto set our hands and Seals this 7th day of March Anno Domini 1729.

"JAPORNECK, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
MOSES, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
SAMM, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
AMMON, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
WETT HAMS, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
PAWQUENONGI, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
CROW, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]

"Signed Sealed and Delivered
In presence of us
JOSIAH GILBERT,
WILLIAM DRINKWATER.

"March y^e 7th, 1729, then appeared personally y^e Subscribers Namely Japporneck, Moses, Samm, Ammon, Wett Hams, Pawquenongi, Crow, and did acknowledge y^e above written Instrument to be their free act and deed, Before me

"RICHARD OSBURN,
"*Justice.*

"Received to record March 7th, 1729, and recorded pr me

"THO^s HAWLEY,
"*Regist.*"

"*Know all men by these presents,* that we Ahtopeer Moheus Neshucawpo Tawquantose Wawsachim all Indians belonging unto Hooppacks, and Jacob Turkey Indian belonging to Narrahawtong. For and in consideration of a valluable Sum or reward paid by the proprietors of Ridgefield which is to our full satisfaction, have given Granted bargained Sold, and by these presents do freely fully and absolutely Sell Convey and confirm unto said proprietors their heirs and assigns forever according to their several interests the following Tract or parcell of Land—viz Beginning at Danbury South West Corner Continueing Our patten line till it meets y^e 20 mile line between the Government, and then Southwardly by said 20 mile line, till it cross Titicus River and thence Eastwardly to Danbury South West Corner, Bounded all along Southerly by our former purchase.

"To Have and To Hold said granted and bargained premises with all the priviliges and appurtenances to y^e same belonging or in any wise appertaining we say we have sold. and fully made over the same unto y^e said proprietors and to their heirs and assigns forever, in proportion to their several interests, who shall and may forever hereafter by virtue hereof enter upon possess and enjoy the same, Convey Convert alienate and improve it in what way and manner, to what use and end soever, they y^e said proprietors their heirs and assigns shall see Convenient.

"Furthermore we the indians above named do for ourselves and heirs hereby Covenant and engage to Warrant and Defend the same forever unto the proprietors of Ridgfield as above from us Our heirs or successors or any manner of person whatever English or Indians lawing any lawfull claim Challenge or Demand thereunto.

"In Testimony whereof we the above named Indians do hereunto Set Our Hands and Seals this 10th day of Aprill Anno Domini 1729.

"JACOB TURKEY, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
AH TOPPEER, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
MOKENS, *his* × *mark,* [SEAL.]
NESHUCAWPO, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
TAUQUATOOSE, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
WAW SACHIM, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
Two boys { WAW CALI, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]
{ CAPT JACOB, *his* × *mark.* [SEAL.]

"Signed Sealed and delivered
in presence of us
ISRAEL MEAD
CALEB STRONG
MOSES indian *his* × *mark.*
CROW, *his* × *mark.*"

Two other purchases were subsequently made of the Indians,—one on the 28th of February, 1738, and the other on the 6th of December, 1734,—but they were of lands lying within the limits of the State of New York, on the oblong; and although the deeds are recorded on the town records, they are not deemed of sufficient interest to be given a place here.

The eighth and last purchase of lands by the proprietors of the Indians was made on the 19th of December, 1739. The following is the deed then given:

"*Know all men by these presents* that we Betty y^{e} mother of Jacob Turkey, Capt Jacob Turkey Mokquaroose, for and in consideration of y^{e} sum of six pounds five shillings money to us in hand paid, or secured to be paid by Lt Eben^{r} Smith, Capt Daniel Olmsted, & Matthew Seamore of Ridgefield in y^{e} County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut in New England and which is to our full Satisfaction, Do Give Grant Bargain Sell and by these presents Have Given Granted, Bargained Sold and fully confirm unto y^{e} above S^{d} Let Eben^{r} Smith Capt Daniel Olmsted & Matthew Seamore and their associates, and to their heirs & assigns forever a certain parcell or tract of Lands Lying within y^{e} new Pattent Bounds Called in y^{e} Township of Ridgefield, as it is Butted & Bounded on y^{e} east by Danbury Township, north by New Fairfield, on y^{e} west by y^{e} Government Line Southerly by Our former Purchase made of Jacob Turkey. To Have and to Hold said Granted & Bargained premises with all y^{e} privilidges & appurtenances to y^{e} Same belonging or in any wise appertaining, We y^{e} said Betty, Jacob Turkey, Mokquaroose, say we have sold and Fully made over y^{e} same unto y^{e} said Lt Eben^{r} Smith Capt Dan^{l} Olmsted and Matthew Seamore, their Associates, and their heirs and assigns for Ever, who shall and may for Ever hereafter, by virtue hereof Enter upon Possess and Enjoy y^{e} Same Convey, Convert, Alienate, and improve y^{e} Same according to their Severall interests, in what way, and manner to what use & end So Ever they y^{e} above named Lt Eben Smith, Capt Daniel Olmsted, and Matthew Seamore, their Associates, or their heirs and assigns Shall See Convenient.

"Furthermore we y^{e} said Betty, Jacob, Turkey, Mokquaroose, Defend y^{e} same for ever to y^{e} abovesaid Lt Eben^{r} Smith, Capt Dan^{l} Olmsted, & Matthew Seamore their associates heirs and assigns from us, our heirs Execut^{rs} administrat^{rs}, or any Indian or Indians Whatsoever, or any manner of persons, Laying any Lawfull Claim Challenge, or Demand thereunto. In Testimony whereof we do hereunto Set our hands & Seals this 19th day of December A.D. 1739.

BETTY, *her* ✕ *mark*."

This deed was also signed by other Indians, whose names and marks are fully recorded on the town records.

EXEMPTION FROM TAXATION.

Although the early settlers of Ridgefield were a hardy and industrious people, and exerted every effort to improve their store of worldly goods, still it is evident that their task was not any easy one, and that for many years the financial condition of the town was at a low ebb, for, in 1725, we find them petitioning the General Assembly for exemption from taxation, as the following shows:

"The towns of Ashford, Hebron, Ridgefield, New Town, and New Milford shall proceed to take and make a list of all the polls and ratable estate by their listers, this present year, as other towns in this colony do. And if either of the said towns are destitute of listers as the law directs, to do the work, that then, in such case, such town so destitute shall sometime in the month of June next meet together and choose a suitable number of their inhabitants to be listers, who shall be sworn to that office accordingly, who shall take the said list and transmit the same to this Assembly to be holden at New Haven in October next."

The petition exempting them for two years from public taxes was granted, with the provision that the town should draw no money out of the treasury for the schools nor send no representative to the Assembly during the exemption.

At the expiration of the two years they found it necessary to again request the same clemency, which was granted "for the term of two years next to come."

We find no repetition of this request, or anything that would seem to indicate financial depression, until 1740, when Ridgefield, together with Litchfield, was fined and censured for not sending "the sum total of the list of the polls and ratable estates" to the General Assembly. This doubtless may be attributed to neglect rather than financial depression.

The following is the act of the General Assembly:

"Forasmuch as by one law of the colony entitled, An Act directing listers in their duty and office, it is provided that if the listers in the respective towns in this colony shall not annually send the sum total of the list of the polls and ratable estates of the inhabitants of such towns to this Assembly at their sessions in October, such town shall be doomed by this Assembly; and whereas the listers of the towns of Ridgefield and Litchfield respectively have not sent the sum total of such lists of the polls and ratable estates in the respective terms to the sessions of this Assembly in October last, according as it is in said act provided; this Assembly do sentence and doom the inhabitants of the town of Ridgefield to pay into the public treasury of this colony the sum of twenty-nine pounds fifteen shillings, and the inhabitants of the town of Litchfield the sum of twenty-seven pounds, six shillings, and four pence; and the Treasurer is ordered and directed to send forth his warrant to the constables of the said towns, respectively, to levy and collect the said sums of the inhabitants of the towns to which they belong, and to pay in the same to the public treasury; and the said constables are hereby impowered, respectively, to levy the said sums of the inhabitants, and required to pay in the same to the public treasury, as is by law required in cases where the lists are orderly returned to this Assembly."

THE PERRY FAMILY.

One of the old families of Ridgefield is the Perry family.

Dr. David Perry, son of Micah Perry, of Fairfield, practiced medicine in this town from 1772 to 1822, the time of his death. In 1791 he became ordained and filled the office as rector of St. Stephen's Parish for four years, on horseback with saddle-bags, practicing on week-days and preaching Sundays.

His son, Nehemiah Perry, M.D., succeeded him in the town, and practiced for the term of fifty-five years. His practice was extensive, being a circuit of forty to fifty miles. As a physician and surgeon he was one of the most eminent and skillful of his day, the last ten years of his life being exclusively consultation practice.

His son, the present Nehemiah Perry, M.D., succeeded him, and is the third of his family who have practiced here for the last one hundred and thirty years.

CHAPTER LXIII.

RIDGEFIELD (Continued).

RIDGEFIELD IN THE REVOLUTION.

Extracts from Town Records—Detailed History of the Invasion—The Battle at Ridgefield—Wooster Mortally Wounded—Revolutionary Incidents.

TRYON'S INVASION.

In the beginning of the Revolutionary struggle Ridgefield was inclined to remain true to the British standard, as will be seen by the following resolutions:

"*First. Whereas* application hath been made to the Select Men of the Town of Ridgefield in Connecticut Colony by several of the inhabitants of sd Town, to call a Special Town Meeting in order to take into consideration the Resolution Entered into by the Late Continental Congress; and the Inhabitants being accordingly met the 30th day of January A.D. 1775 Mr. Nathan Olmstead was chosen Moderator. The Meeting then proceeded to take into Consideration the said Resolutions, and after mature Deliberation in said meeting the question was put, Whether this Town will adopt and Conform to the Resolves contained in ye association of the Continental Congress or not. Resolved in the Negative 9 Desent.

"*Second. Resolved,* N C D That we do acknowledge his Most Sacred Majesty King George the 3d to be our rightfull Sovereign and do hereby publickly avow our allegiance to him & his Lawfull successors—And that we will to the utmost of our power, Support his throne & Dignity against Evry Combination in the Universe.

Third. Resolved N C D, That we do acknowledge that the three branches of ye Legislation (to wit) the King, the House of Lords and the House of Commons Convening and acting together have a constitutional Right of Government over the whole and Every part of the British Empire.

Fourth. Resolved N C D that the Governour Council and Representatives of this Colony being Indulged with and having an Established Right of Legislation (tho' restricted) in and over this Colony, We do hereby acknowledge & avow their Right of Government and Legislation in and over this Colony And are confident that they are the Rightfull & Constitutional Rulers Directors and Guardians of our persons, properties Rights Liberties and privilidges and We desire no other political Guides or Guardians than Said Assembly and the Officers Constitutionally appointed by them, to keep the peace & Order of ye Colony and to Superintend the Execution of the Colony Laws.

"*Fifth. Resolved* N C D That it would be dangerous and hurtfull to the Inhabitants of this Town to adopt the said Congress measures; and we do hereby publickly disapprove of and protest against said Congress and the measures by them directed to as unconstitutional—as subversive of our real Liberties—and as countenancing Licenciousness Resolved N C D That the Town Clerk be directed to make out a true copy of ye above sd votes & transmit them to one or more of the printers in New York, that they may be published to the world.

" *Test* STEPHEN SMITH.
" *Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield by adjournment April 10th 1775 from March 7 1775.

"The Question was put Whether ye Town will Explain their resolves of the 30th of January Lasts, Resolved in the Negative, The above Meeting is dismissed.

" *Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
" *Register.*"

A CHANGE OF SENTIMENT.

At a town-meeting held Dec. 17, 1775, the following action was taken:

"On Motion made Wheither Said Meeting upon Reconsideration do disannul the resolves April 10th entered into and passed on the 30th Jany 1775, And adopt and approve of the Continental Congress and the measures Directed to in their association, for securing and Defending the Rights and Liberties of ye United American Colonies.

"Resolved in the Affirmative Nem Con.

"Said Meeting voted that the Town Clerk make out a Copy of the above, Resolve and transmit the same to one of the printers in New York, In Order that the same may be made public in the News Papers.

"Question put Wheither sd Meeting will choose of a Committee of Inspections agreeably to the 11th article of ye association of the Continental Congress.

"Resolved in the Affirmative.

"And Samuel Olmsted Esqr Col Philip Burr Bradley Daniel Coley Esqr Jacob Jones Stephen Smith Timothy Keeler, Capt Jonah Foster Nathan Olmsted William Forester, John Benedict James Scott, Ebenezer Jones Abraham Betts, Matthew Keeler, Timothy Benedict Nathan Stevens Samuel Gates David Platt Bartholomew Weed John Jones Daniel Smith, Ichabod Doolittle Abraham Gray Abraham Nash, Silas Hall and Azor Hurlbut were chosen Committee as abovesaid.

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield April 4th 1777 Timothy Keeler was chosen Moderator of Said Meeting. Said Meeting by a Major Vote is adjourned to the Meeting House.

"Said Meeting Pursuant to a request and Resolve of the Governor and his Committee of Safety, Chose James Scott Matthew Keeler, Timothy Benedict & Samuel Gates, a Committee to provide for the families of such soldiers as shall enlist into the Continental Army with necessaries at the prices stated by Law.

"Voted also that this Town will Give to each man that shall Inlist as a Soldier into the Continental Service (for three years or during the war being an Inhabitant of this Town, till the Quota of the Town to fill the Continental Army be Compleated) Six pounds Lawfull money for every Year they are in said Service, to be paid as follows viz Six pounds at the time of their Inlistment.

"The next Six pounds to be paid within the second year & so on Yearly During their Continuance in Service.

"And those that engage, that have families, if they die in Service by Sickness or ye Sword to be paid to their Widows or Children one year after their death.

"Also the Town by their Major Vote do agree to adhere to the Law of this State, Regulating the prices of the Necessaries of Life.

"Voted that the Select Men procure Money in Loan or Otherwise, on the Town Credit or in the Towns behalf for the purpose of Encouraging Soldiers to Enlist into the Continental army And when the sum necessary for that purpose is known, said Meeting vote, agree and grant a Tax on the polls & Rateable Estate of the Inhabitants of this Town, on the List of 1776, in order to repay the money that is or may be so procured and Laid Out and either of the Select Men for the time being, or any other person that the Select Men shall nominate & Depute, Shall be fully Authorized to collect the said tax &c and the same apply to the use aforesaid.

"Said Meeting is Dismissed.

" *Test* STEPHEN SMITH
" *Register.*"

The following extracts relating to the war of the Revolution are also from the town records:

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield Nov 17th 1777 Capt Jonah Foster was chosen Moderator of s'd meeting.

"Said Meeting by their Major Vote Chose David Olmstead, Samuel Olmsted 3rd, Timothy Keeler 2d, Ebenezer Jones, John Waterous, Silas Hull, Ichabod Doolittle, Daniel Rockwell, Bartholomew Weed to be a Committee to procure Cloathing, for the Soldiers in the Continental Army (that the Assembly of this State, hath Required the Town to provide for).

" *Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
" *Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield January 8th 1778, Lieut Nathan Olmsted was chosen Moderator of said Meeting,

"The Question was put in said Meeting, Wheither the Articles of confederation and perpetual Union, Drawn up and published by the Honourable, Continental Congress be approved. Resolved in the Affirmative.

" *Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
" *Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield March 3d 1778 Samuel Olmstead Esqr was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

"By a Major Vote said Meeting made choice of John Benedict, Esqr and Timothy Keeler 2d to be a Committee to distribute the Salt, belonging to this Town as follows viz One Quart thereof to each person of the several families of the men or that are Inhabitants of this town that have taken the Oath of fidelity to the State of Connecticut, and likewise to each person of the families of the Widows in this Town that are accounted friendly to the United States of America, and likewise to each person of the families of those men in this town that are in the Conti-

nental Army; and said Committee are to take 6d Lawfull money per Quart for the same, of the persons they deliver the salt to; and that said Committee attend upon y^{e} business of Delivering the salt, on the afternoon of each Thursday and Monday in this month till the whole be delivered out, and also Keep and Render true accounts of their doings in the premises to the Select Men by the first of April next.

"*Voted* also that the Committeee appointed to take care and provide for the families of the Men in the Continental Army, Receive or draw out of the Town Treasury £6 0^{s} 0^{d} agreeable to the Vote of the Town, and lay the same out for the use and benefit of the Widow and family of Elisha Gilbert deceased.

"*Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
"*Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield 9 Aug 1779 Samuel Olmsted Esq^{r} was chosen Moderator of said meeting. Said meeting was adjourned from the Town House to the Meeting House.

"Samuel Olmsted Esq^{r} and M^{r} Robert Edmond were chosen Delegates for the Town in order to meet in County Convention at Redding on the 10th Instant at the Dwelling House of Lieut Stephen Betts at 8 O'clock in the morning in order to consult and adopt suitable measures to prevent the further Depreciation of the paper Currency and Raise its value.

"In said Meeting the Question was put Wheither any person that was an inhabitant in this Town, and hath Absconded and gone over to or joined the Enemy of the United States (and hath returned or shall return unto the Town) be admitted to dwell in the Town, without the Liberty & approbation of the Town first had and obtained by such person or persons. Resolved in the negative.

"*Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
"*Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield June 29 1780.

"Daniel Coley Esqr was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

"Said Meeting Granted a Tax of six pence Lawfull money on the pound on the Town List of 1779 to be collected by the first day of August next and put into the Town Treasury.

"Said Meeting granted to each able bodied effective man that shall voluntarily, Inlist or hath lately been detach'd to fill up this Towns quota in the Continental Army thirty Shillings Lawfull money per month during the time they are in said service. Also to each Soldier that shall or hath lately been Detach'd for this state service (as a soldier) Thirty Shillings Lawfull money per month for all the time they shall be in said service over and above one month and the money to be drawn out of the Town Treasury and paid to them respectively. Daniel Coley Esq^{r} and David Scott was by said meeting appointed a Committee for that purpose."

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield Aug 23d 1780.

"Timothy Keeler was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

"Said Meeting by their Major vote Revoked the vote of the Town whereby a tax was granted of six pence on the pound on the List of 1779 in a Town Meeting held June 29 1780.

"Said Meeting Voted that they would raise money by Tax on the List of 1779 and give to the Soldiers and non Commissioned officers that have been or shall be in the Service of the Continental and this State from the first of last March during this years campain.

"Said Meeting made choise of Benjamin Smith, William Forester, Timothy Keeler Esq^{r} Stephen Smith and Stephen Norris a Committee to prepare a Memorial to be prefered to the General Assembly. Requesting that for the future the method of Raising and procureing Soldiers for the Continental and State Service the present war, may be by classing men, viz. all the men from sixteen and upward—and each class to procure a man for said service.

"*Test* STEPHEN SMITH,
"*Register.*"

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield Nov. 20th, 1780 Daniel Coley Esq was chosen Moderator of said Meeting,

"Said Meeting Voted that a Committee should be chosen and as soon as may be to make Enquiery and Obtain the number of the Men that the Town is Deficient respecting their Quota of Soldiers in the Continental Army And Thaddeus Rockwell and William Forrister were chosen for the purpose aforesaid.

"Also said Meeting by their Major vote made Choice of Nathan Smith and William Forrister to receive the salt necessary for putting up the Provisions required of this Town to be provided for the Army and to perform every part respecting said Provisions agreeable to an Act of the General Assembly of this State in their last session."

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield Feby 8th 1781 Capt Jonah Foster was Chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

"Said Meeting Voted that the method for raising and procuring five Men for this State Service to serve as Soldiers in Col Beebes Regiment at Horseneck for the term of one year, be by classing the Inhabitants into five classes.

"And that three of the classes divided out to procure Soldiers for filling up the Continental Army be formed into one class. And the three committee men living in the southern three classes that were appointed to class the Inhabitants as above expressed be a committee for the class in the southern part of the Town and so successively through the Town to the North end thereof.

"And Samuel Olmsted Esq, Nathan Olmsted and Robert Edmond be a committee for the Southern class, And John Benedict Esq Benjamin Smith and John Jones a committee for y^{e} second class.

"And Col Bradley Stephen Smith and Silas Hull a committee for the third class.

"And Daniel Smith, Matthew Northrop, and Jonah Foster a committee for y^{e} fourth class.

"And Daniel Coley Esq, W^{m} Forrister and Capt Sears a committee for the fifth class.

"Also said meeting Resolved that the Representatives of this town be and they are hereby Instructed to use their Influence in the Honorable General Assembly in remonstrating to Congress against a late resolve of Congress respecting the setting of half pay on the supernumerary Officers lately belonging to the Continental Army."

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield March 23rd 1781.

"Col. Philip Bradley was chosen Moderator of said meeting.

"Said Meeting made choice of Capt David Olmsted, Col Bradley, Ebenezer Olmsted William Forrister and Stephen Norris a committee to procure Soldiers to complete the Towns Quota for filling up the Continental Army and this States service.

"Said Meeting Resolved and Ordered that the several classes that have procured Recruits for the Continental Army deliver their said Recruits to the Selectmen at the houses of Clements Smith and Daniel Coley Esq On Wednesday the 28th of this Instant at ten oclock in the morning in order to be taken to Danbury to be Mustered and delivered to an Officer and forwarded to the Continental Army."

"At a Town Meeting held in Ridgefield April 13th 1781,

"Capt Jonah Foster was chosen Moderator of said Meeting.

"Said Meeting made choice of John Benedict Samuel Olmsted Esq, Col Bradley and William Forrister a committee (In Behalf of the Town) to make a settlement with the Men that were in service the last campaign either Continental or State that were Inhabitants of or counted for the Towns Quota; Or with a committee by them appointed respecting two Grants they say was made them by y^{e} Town at their Town Meetings held in Ridgefield on y^{e} 29th day of June 1780 and on y^{e} 23rd of August 1780 and make report to a future Town Meeting."

The following account of the invasion of Connecticut by the British in 1777 is taken from "Hollister's History of Connecticut:"

"Sir William Howe had been informed that the Americans had large depositories of military stores in Danbury and its neighborhood. He determined to destroy them without delay, and in casting about him for a faithful operator in this most invidious of all employments who would be remorseless in the use of the torch he hit readily upon His Excellency Governor Tryon, of New York. He could hardly have made a more admirable selection.

"Howe was a shrewd judge of character, and knew well that nothing so effectually calls out the latent energies of a man of genius as a sudden appeal to old and cherished recollections. Now, there was no part of the world that could awaken in the mind of William Tryon so many lively and searching associations as Connecticut. The name of the little republic made His Excellency's hair bristle with certain sensations that a soldier ought not to entertain. From the time when that irreverent company of Connecticut dragoons had scattered the type belonging to

the administration's organ through the streets of New York, and driven one of his pets, Rivington, with hundreds of Tories that were worthy of being elevated to the dignity of governor's horse-guards, he had felt the liveliest emotions at the very sound of the word 'Connecticut.' In some way it was inseparably connected in his mind with that charming society called the 'Sons of Liberty.'

"Gen. Howe showed his shrewdness not only in selecting his agent for this work, but also in sending along with him, to see that he did not lose himself in his explorations into a land that was so dear to him, those excellent advisers, Gen. Agnew and Sir William Erskine. Those gentlemen furnished intellectual resources for the major-general, and he added the warmth of his nature to give soul to the enterprise. Accordingly, a detachment of two thousand men were selected from the choice spirits of the British army, and nominally placed under Tryon's command. They embarked at New York, and, under the convoy of a fine naval armament of twenty-five vessels, passed over the waters of Long Island Sound in such high spirits as the warmth of an April sun and the pleasing anticipations of the business that was to employ them were calculated to inspire. They had chosen a time when Connecticut was almost entirely deserted by her male population, who had gone out to defend the soil of other States and stay up the trailing banner of the noble Washington.

"They had left their homes to be guarded, with the exception of a few gallant troops, by the crutches of the grandfathers and the distaffs of the grandmothers who had two generations of descendants in the field hundreds of miles away. On this account His Excellency, who was the very antipode of Gunpowder Percy, had nothing to dampen his mood or cloud his brow. As the ships skimmed past the coast-towns of Western Connecticut the people gazed at them with mingled curiosity and anxiety. Perhaps some of them called to mind the doings of Wallace, master of the 'Rose,' at Stonington; but no particular alarm appears to have been excited until the heads of the ships began to point towards the island that stands out from the Norwalk shore.

"At about four o'clock they cast anchor in Saugatuck Harbor, and, with such haste as is consistent with a picnic-excursion into the country, two thousand men, consisting of infantry, cavalry, and artillery, went ashore in boats, and under the superintendence of Tryon, with two Tory guides to show them the way, moved forward towards Danbury. They marched about eight miles that night, and encamped in the township of Weston.

"On the morning of the 26th, at a very seasonable hour, Tryon arrived at Redding Ridge, where was a small hamlet of peaceful inhabitants, almost every one of them patriots and most of them farmers, who had crowned the high hill where they had chosen to build their Zion with a tall, gaunt church, which drew to its aisles, one day in seven, the people that dwelt upon the sides of the hills and in the bosom of the valleys within the range of the summons that sounded from its belfry. By way of satisfying his hunger with a morning lunch until he could provide a more substantial meal, he drew up his artillery in front of this weatherbeaten edifice, that had before defied everything save the grace of God and the supplications of his worshipers, and gave it a good round of canister and grape, that pierced its sides through and through and shattered its small-paned windows into fragments. The only spectators to this heroic demonstration were a few women and little children, some of whom ran away at the sight of the red-coats, and others faced the invaders with a menacing stare.

"The British commander now resumed his march for some distance without meeting with the least opposition, until he began to ascend Hoyt's Hill, when the figure of a single mounted horseman appeared upon the summit of the eminence, with his face turned backward, and his gestures and whole action indicating that he was issuing orders to a large army that was climbing the side of the hill. 'Halt!' shouted the leader of the opposition in a voice of thunder, while he flourished his sword in the air, 'Halt, the whole universe! Wheel into kingdoms!' Now, there was nothing that Gen. Tryon had such a dread of as dying. He prudently commanded his men to halt, in imitation of the order given by the leader of the supposed army that was advancing, and sent out detachments on the right and left to reconnoitre, and got his two field-pieces that were consecrated by the mutilation of the old church in readiness to give such feeble battle as he could to this more than Persian array. The reader can judge how much His Excellency was relieved when the videttes returned and informed him that the wretch who had thus disturbed his valor was the only mortal in sight, and that no part of him was visible except his back as he rode towards Danbury with the speed of a shooting-star.

"They arrived in Danbury about two o'clock. There were a few Continental soldiers in the place, but they could not make a stand against this large invading-party, and were obliged to withdraw. Gen. Tryon selected the house of one Dibble, a faithful Tory, for his headquarters, who lived at the south end of the main street, close by the spot where the military stores had been deposited. As Gens. Erskine and Agnew were advancing under the protection of a corps of light infantry to take up their quarters at the other end of the same street, the party was fired upon by four young men from the house of Maj. Starr. This brave but rash act cost the young patriots their lives. They were instantly pursued and shot. A poor negro who was caught near them without weapons in his hands was also murdered, and the five bodies were thrown into the house, which was instantly set on fire.

"A man named Hamilton had on deposit at a clothier's in the lower part of the village a piece of cloth, which he was determined at all hazards to rescue from sequestration. He accordingly rode to the shop, and, having secured one end of the cloth to the pommel of his saddle, galloped rapidly away. He was seen by the enemy's light-horsemen, who followed hard upon him, exclaiming, 'We'll have you, old daddy; we'll have you.'—'Not yet,' said Hamilton as he redoubled his speed. The troops gain upon their intended victim; the nearest one raises his sabre to strike, when fortunately the cloth unrolls, and, fluttering like a streamer far behind, so frightens the pursuing horses that they cannot be brought within striking-distance of the pursued. The chase continues through the whole extent of the village to the bridge, where finally the old gentleman and his cloth made good their escape.

"A large quantity of the public stores had been deposited in the Episcopal church, and the first work of the soldiers was to remove them into the street and burn them. Some of the provisions were also stored in a barn belonging to Dibble. This building was treated with the same respect, as its proprietor had the honor to entertain Gen. Tryon as a guest. Another barn, belonging to a friend of American liberty, which had been appropriated to the same use, was set on fire and consumed with its contents. In a few hours eighteen hundred barrels of pork and beef, seven hundred barrels of flour, two thousand bushels of wheat, rye, oats, and Indian corn, clothing for a regiment of troops, and seventeen hundred and ninety tents were burned. The smoke arising from the destruction of this property was strangulating and filled the whole air, while the streets ran with the melted pork and beef.

"There was also a large quantity of liquors in some of the buildings. These the soldiers were most reluctant to destroy, and did not do so until after they had drank so freely of them that when the labors of the day were ended only a few hundred were fit for duty. While the imbruited soldiers piled the fuel around the flour and beef and stirred up the laggard flames to a fiercer glare, the women and little children could see by the fitful light the mark of the white cross that had been distinctly drawn upon the Tory dwellings to signify that the destroying angel about to go through the town would stay his hand at their door-posts and pass them by unharmed. The same dingy light now disclosed a scene of loathsome drunkenness that surpasses description. Hundreds lay scattered at random wherever the palsying demon had overtaken them,—some in the streets with their faces blackened with smoke and soiled with earth, others sprawling in the door-yards, and others still, wild with excitement, holding themselves up by fences and trees or grasping fast hold of each other, called loudly with oaths and curses to be led against the rebels.

"In this horrible condition the Revolutionary patriots of Danbury saw the shades of night gather around their dwellings, and in sleepless apprehension did they count the hours as they dragged slowly on. Nor did the brigand who led this band of incendiaries pass the night in sleep. The faithful few who had resisted the temptations of the cup were on the alert, and brought him from time to time the unwelcome intelligence that groups of patriot farmers were fast dropping in from the neighboring villages and towns, and were beginning to form into organized companies. What if Wooster or Parsons or Huntington or Arnold should prove to be at the head of them, and should steal upon him while his troops were in that defenseless condition? The thought was horrible!

"Thus heavily passed the watches of that gloomy Saturday night. At last the day began to approach, and reason, unsettled for a while in the dull brains of the British soldiers, returned to them again. The marks of the late dissipation still appeared in their swollen faces and bloodshot eyes, but they were now able to stand upright, to grasp a musket and defend themselves against the farmers who were gathering, ill-weaponed and undisciplined as they were, to oppose them. Then the British general began to breathe more easily and to exhibit in a more striking manner the remarkable traits of his genius. He drew up his forces in order of defense; he attended to all the arrangement, and presided over every detail of the preparations that he was making to usher in, with ceremonies worthy of the occasion, another Sabbath-day. On a sudden, as if by the pulling of a wire upon the stage, the curtains of darkness were withdrawn from the village, and like a will-o'-the-wisp, and wandering zigzag from street to street, from house to house, passed the flaming torch of the incendiary. The Congregational meeting-house, the largest and most expensive building in the place, is soon discovered to be on fire, and one after another the dwellings, stores, and barns of that peaceful community add their tributary lamps to that great centre beacon of the town, until every house, save those that have the mystic sign upon them, is in a broad blaze. Meanwhile, by the light of their own homes, mothers, screening their babies from the bleak air with the scanty clothing that they had snatched up in haste and denied to themselves, crippled old men and palsied women, and little boys and girls clinging to their feeble protectors, made such haste as they could to save their lives from the fire, taking care to avoid the jeers of their comfortable Tory neighbors, who looked out from the doors and windows where the white cross glared in mockery alike of God and of humanity, and to shun at the same time the unhallowed contact of the soldiers, they ran, crawled, or were carried upon their beds into lonely lanes, damp pastures, and leafless woods. Having witnessed the destruction of the meeting-house, nineteen dwelling-houses, twenty-two stores and barns, and great quantities of hay and grain that belonged to the inhabitants of the place, and having feasted his eyes with

the fear and anguish of the women against whom he waged this glorious war, Maj.-Gen. Tryon, taking a last fond look of the scene of his exploits, and noting doubtless the artistic effect of the faint blue smoke-wreaths as they curled upward to stain the blushing forehead of the morning, withdrew his troops and resumed his march towards the sea-shore. When the invader was fairly out of sight, the poor fugitives from their several hiding-places returned, and, cowering over the charred timbers of the homes that they had fled from, warmed their shivering frames and trembling hands over the ruins of Danbury.

"In the mean time, the news of Tryon's arrival flew along the whole coast. Early on the morning of the 26th, Gen. Silliman with about five hundred militia—such as he had been able to gather upon a sudden call—pursued the enemy, and not long after the venerable Wooster, who had started off at a moment's warning to defend the soil of his native State from insult, joined him with Arnold and another handful of militia. A heavy rain retarded their movements so much that they did not reach Bethel till late at night. It was therefore decided to attack the enemy on their return.

"On the morning of the 27th the American troops were astir at a very early hour. Gen. Wooster detached Gens. Silliman and Arnold, with about five hundred men, to advance and intercept the enemy in front, while he undertook with the remainder, amounting to only two hundred half-armed militia, to attack them in the rear. About nine o'clock he overtook Tryon's army, some three miles above Ridgefield, on the Norwalk road, and, taking advantage of the uneven ground, fell upon a whole regiment with such impetuosity as to throw them into confusion and break their ranks. Before they could be restored to order he had succeeded in taking forty prisoners,—a number equal to one-fifth part of his whole force. He continued to hang upon their skirts and harass them for some time, waiting for another favorable opportunity to make an attack. A few miles from Ridgefield, where the hills appeared to offer a chance of breaking their ranks a second time, he again charged furiously upon them. The rear-guard, chagrined at the result of the former encounter, now faced about, and met him with a discharge of artillery and small-arms.

"His men returned their shot resolutely at first, but, as they were unused to battle, they soon began to fall back. Wooster, uniting all the fire of youth with the experience of an old soldier who had seen hard service in more than one field, sought to inspire them with his own courage. Turning his horse's head and waving his sword, he called out to them in a brisk tone, 'Come on, my boys; never mind such random shots.' Before he had time to turn his face again towards the enemy, a musket-ball aimed by a Tory marksman penetrated his back, breaking the spinal column and lodging in the fleshy parts of his body. He instantly fell from his horse. His faithful friends stripped his sash from his person and bore him upon it from the field.

"Arnold and Silliman made a forced march to Ridgefield, and arrived there about eleven o'clock. They threw up a temporary barricade across the road on the rising ground, and stationed their little party in such a manner as to cover their right flank by a house and barn, and their left by a ledge of rocks. Here they quietly awaited the enemy. As soon as Agnew and Erskine saw what position the Americans had taken they advanced and received their fire, and, though they sustained considerable loss, they returned it with spirit. The action lasted about ten minutes, when the British gained the ledge of rocks, and the Americans were obliged to retreat. The American officers behaved with great spirit. Arnold was shot at by a whole platoon of soldiers, standing not more than thirty yards from him. His horse was killed under him, but no other ball took effect. Snatching his pistols, he shot dead a soldier who was making up to him to run him through with his bayonet, and thus made his escape. The Americans kept up a scattering fire till nearly night, when Gen. Tryon encamped at Ridgefield. In the morning he set fire to the church, but he probably did not superintend this piece of work himself, as it was so inartistically done that it proved to be a failure. He was more fortunate with four dwelling-houses, which he soon had the satisfaction to see wrapped in flames.

"He now resumed his march, but Arnold followed him up so closely that he soon crossed the Saugatuck River and marched on the east side of it, while the Americans kept pace with him on the left. Thus they advanced, cannonading each other whenever they could find a convenient opportunity. About three o'clock in the afternoon the gallant Col. Deming, with a little party of Continental troops, forded the river where it was about four feet deep, and, unperceived by the enemy, attacked them with desperate violence upon the rear and upon the left flank, pursuing them and keeping up a galling fire that did them very serious harm. Arnold pushed forward towards the mouth of the river, and, drawing his men up in good order upon a hill, opened a heavy fire upon the right flank of the enemy's rear. The Americans could follow them no farther on account of the dangerous proximity of the ships. The British troops who were marching in the van immediately embarked, while the centre and rear formed on a hill. While Arnold was discharging his cannon at the boats, and while Deming was plying the major-general in the rear, Col. Lamb, who was from New York, and, of course, one of His Excellency's own subjects, crept with about two hundred men behind a stone wall, and gave him a parting salute at the distance of about one hundred yards.

"Glad enough was Tryon to get aboard his good ship once more, and it is believed that he cherished

to his dying day the recollection of his first visit to Connecticut."

Rev. Mr. Tellers says,—

"It would be a matter of interest to many to know just what kind of a report was made of this raid by Gen. Tryon to his superior officers, and through them to the British government.

"In the June number of the *Gentleman's Magazine*, printed in London in 1777, we have the following:

"'Gen. Howe has transmitted to Lord George Germaine the following particulars of a recent successful enterprise for the destruction of stores at the village of Danbury, in Connecticut.

"'The troops landed without opposition in the afternoon of the 25th of April, about four miles to the eastward of Norwalk, and twenty miles from Danbury.

"'In the afternoon of the 26th the detachment reached Danbury, meeting only small parties of the enemy on their march, but Gen. Tyron having intelligence that the whole force of the country was collecting to take every advantage of the strong ground he was to pass on his return to the shipping, and finding it impossible to procure carriages to bring off any part of the stores, they were effectually destroyed, in the execution of which the village was unavoidably burned.

"'On the 27th, in the morning, the troops quitted Danbury, and met with little opposition until they came near to Ridgefield, which was occupied by Gen. Arnold, who had thrown up intrenchments to dispute the passage, while Gen. Wooster hung upon the rear with a separate corps. The village was forced, and the enemy drove back on all sides.

"'Gen. Tryon lay that night at Ridgefield, and renewed his march on the morning of the 28th.

"'The enemy, having been reinforced with troops and cannon, disputed every advantageous situation, keeping at the same time smaller parties to harass the rear until the general had formed his detachment upon a height within cannon-shot of the shipping, when, the enemy advancing seemingly with an intention to attack him, he ordered the troops to charge their bayonets, which was executed with such impetuosity that the rebels were totally put to flight, and the detachment embarked without further molestation.

"'Return of the forces, ordnance, provisions, etc., as nearly as could be ascertained, found at the rebels' stores, and destroyed by the king's troops, at Danbury, etc., in Connecticut, April 27, 1777:

"'A quantity of ordnance stores, with iron, etc., four thousand barrels of beef and pork, one thousand barrels of flour, one hundred large tierces of biscuit, eighty-nine barrels of rice, one hundred and twenty puncheons of rum.

"'Several large stores of wheat, oats, and Indian corn, in bulk the quantity thereof could not possibly be ascertained, thirty pipes of wine, one hundred hogsheads of sugar, fifty hogsheads of molasses, twenty casks of coffee, fifteen large casks filled with medicine of all kinds, ten barrels of saltpetre, one thousand and twenty tents and marquees, a large quantity of hospital bedding, etc.; engineers', pioneers,' and carpenters' tools; a printing-press complete; tar, tallow, etc.; five thousand pairs of shoes and stockings.

"'At a mill (Smith's mill) between Ridgebury and Ridgefield, 100 barrels of flour and a quantity of Indian corn.

"'At the bridge at the west brace of Norwalk River, and in the woods contiguous: 100 hogsheads of rum; several chests of arms; paper cartridges; field forges; 300 tents.

"'Return of the killed, wounded, and missing:

"'One drummer and fifer, 23 rank and file, killed; 3 field officers, 6 captains, 3 subalterns, 9 sergeants, 92 rank and file, wounded; one drummer and fifer, 27 rank and file missing.

"'(Signed) W. Howe.

"'The following is an additional list of the wounded:

"'Capt. Thorne, Capt. Durmas, Lieut. Hastings, Major Conran, Capt. Rutherford, Ensign Menichin, Second Lieut. Price, Volunteer Vale, Major Hope, Capt. Calder, Ensign Mercer, Prince of Wales, American volunteer, Col. Browne, Capt. Lyman, Capt. Secon, and Capt. Simon Frazer.

"'Return of the rebels killed: General Wooster, Gen. Gould, Col. Lamb, of the Artillery, Col. Herman, Dr. Atwater, a man of considerable influence, Capt. Cove, Lieut. Thompson, and 100 privates.

"'List of rebel wounded: Col. Whiting, Capt. Benjamin, Lieut. Cove, and 250 privates.

"'Taken prisoners, 50 privates, including several committee men.'"

REVOLUTIONARY INCIDENTS*

"There is a prevailing impression among the inhabitants of the town that Gen. Wooster's forces first attacked the rear of Gen. Tryon's army on the flat immediately north of Mr. Lewis C. Hunt's house. Facts will not justify this opinion. Gen. Wooster made his *first* attack on the enemy after they had ascended the hill commonly known as Scott's Ridge, and probably while a part were still engaged at their morning meal, for it was at this point that Tryon's army breakfasted.

"The battle was fought immediately north of Mr. Samuel Scott's house, and in front of the school-house. It was here that Gen. Wooster took forty prisoners, and it was doubtless here that the two Hessian soldiers were mortally wounded who died on their way to the village and were hastily buried in the sand-knoll north of Mr. Zalmon Main's.

"After securing and disposing of the prisoners taken, Gen. Wooster again overtook the British on the flat north of Mr. Lewis C. Hunt's, and about two miles north of the village of Ridgefield.

"It was here that the gallant general was wounded, at the very beginning of the engagement. Indeed, tradition says that Gen. Wooster was wounded by a Tory in ambush, and *not* by the enemy proper; however this may be, it is certain that the attack had but just commenced. We are not able to learn that a single life was lost.

"About this time in the morning, Gen. Arnold arrived at Ridgefield with five hundred men, and began at once to throw up a barricade across the road at the north end of the village, between the northwest corner of Miss Sarah Stebbins' door-yard and the ledge of rocks upon which the house of Mr. William Lee now stands. This was about eleven o'clock in the morning. An hour later, or at twelve o'clock, Gen. Tryon had reached the place, and a general engagement took place.

"An eye-witness says that sixteen British and eight Americans were killed in this engagement, and that they were buried in two graves near the hickory-tree which now stands just inside the fence, east of the road, in the open lot between Miss Sarah Stebbins' and Mr. Abner Gilbert's. The sixteen British were buried in one grave, and the eight Americans in another.

"The wounded were taken into the house now occupied by Miss Sarah Stebbins and tenderly cared for. The blood-stains are said to be still seen on the oaken floors. The house itself is a standing monument to the battle. The path of one or more cannon-balls is plainly traced.

"The bravery of Gen. Arnold in this engagement amounted almost to recklessness. After the enemy had broken through the temporary barricade, and all

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* The following incidents are taken from Rev. Mr. Teller's history of Ridgefield.

his own soldiers except Capt. Bell had deserted him, he still stood his ground, receiving the undivided fire of a whole company of the enemy.

"His horse fell under him, pierced by nine bullets, and at the moment of its fall his foot became entangled in the stirrup. A soldier, taking advantage of this moment of the general's disability, rushed up to him, exclaiming, 'You are my prisoner!'—'Not yet,' quickly replied Gen. Arnold, and, drawing a pistol from his holster, shot him dead; then, regaining his feet, he hastily retreated amid the repeated fire of the enemy. It is commonly reported that it was a Tory from Milford by the name of Coon who thus attempted to take Gen. Arnold prisoner, as also that Gen. Arnold said as the bullet sped on its fatal mission, 'One live man is worth ten dead ones.'

"Immediately after this action the British marched through the street, occasionally discharging their artillery, a terror to all but a few Tories, who felt that the long-delayed moment of their exaltation had come.

"Halting a little below the village, they proceeded to encamp for the night on the grounds of Mr. Samuel Olmsted, now owned and occupied by Mr. Hiram Seymour, a descendant of the family.

"The selectmen of the town, in their petition to the General Assembly dated May 26, 1777, stated that the enemy, in passing through the town, burned the grist-mill and saw-mill of Isaac Keeler, six dwellings, and two barns, and killed and carried off a number of horses, sheep, and cattle.

"During their stay they also plundered the inhabitants of nearly all their provisions and a large share of their clothing, by which many were reduced to poverty. The town, unable to relieve all the sufferers, applied to General Assembly for help. Nehemiah Beardsley, Increase Mosely, and Lemuel Sanford were appointed a committee to estimate the respective losses of the inhabitants. After a close investigation, the total amount was fixed at £2625 1*s.* 8*d.*

"On the exact spot where Gen. Arnold's horse was shot from under him a tamarack-tree now stands; it was placed there to commemorate the event. It is inside Mr. Lee's yard-fence, a little southeast of his house.

"On their way down the street the British soldiers planted a gun in front of the Episcopal church, and shot several balls into the house now owned and occupied by Mr. Abijah Resseguie, one of which was lodged in a post on the northeast corner, and is still to be seen imbedded deeply in the solid wood. Another ball passed between the feet of a man who at the time was ascending the stairs. Frightened by the close proximity of the unwelcome messenger, he exclaimed, 'I'm a dead man, I'm a dead man!' and tradition says that he actually rolled to the foot of the stairs. But upon examination it was found that he was not only *not dead*, but wholly unharmed. The reason for cannonading this particular house was to dislodge certain parties who were reported to be in the building making cartridges. The house was occupied by Mr. Timothy Keeler, a sturdy Federalist.

"The house a few rods south, on the site of the one now owned by Mr. Thaddeus Keeler, was then occupied by a loyalist by the name of Hoyt. It was through his interposition with Gen. Tryon that Mr. Keeler's house was rescued from the torch of the incendiary, the reason for it being attributed to purely selfish motives. The wind was blowing strongly from the northwest, and his own house would be greatly endangered.

"The story is told that Mr. Keeler's house was actually set on fire after he had retreated to the woods, and that Mr. Hoyt, fearing the effect of the fire on his own buildings, obtained permission from the British officers to extinguish the flames. After the enemy had left, Mr. Keeler, returning from the woods, was met by Mr. Hoyt, who greeted him with the exclamation, 'You may thank me that your house was not destroyed.'—'No, sir,' replied Keeler: 'I will not thank a Tory for anything. I would *rather thank the Lord* for the north wind.'

"Following close in the wake of the left wing of the enemy was a company of half-grown boys, Ebenezer Jones, the son of Capt. Jones, of the number. Coming up to a large rock standing on an eminence in a field now owned by Mr. David Hoyt, a little southeast of Mr. Henry Benedict's, they found a British soldier who had been mortally wounded. Young Jones returned home and related the circumstance to his father, who, in humanity to a fallen foe, saddled his horse, rode down to the spot, and brought the wounded soldier to his own house, where he was carefully nursed until he died. Then Mr. Jones with his own hands made for him a pine coffin, and buried him in the old yard east of Mr. Joel Benjamin's barn.

"Four of the six houses at this time burned by the enemy were as follows,—viz., the house of Isaac Keeler, near Mamanasquag Pond; a house on the High Ridge north of Mr. W. O. Seymour's; the house of Benjamin Northrop, a short distance south of Mr. George Haight's, on the opposite side of the road; and a building used by the British for the care of their wounded over-night, previously occupied by Mr. Thomas Seymour. This house stood on the south side of the fair-ground, now owned by the Agricultural Society. The two buildings on High Ridge were probably burned in the evening, the one near Mamanasquag Lake in the early part of the day, and the fourth—that on the present fair-ground—on the morning of their departure. The well standing near the house they filled with stones, which have never been removed. Their object in filling this well is not known. It may have been owing to the supposition that valuables were secreted there, or it may have been, as some suppose, that their own dead were thrown in it. This last supposition, however, is scarcely probable, for they are known to have buried

those who had died during the night in the upper part of Flat Rock woods.

"Among those who witnessed this engagement between Gen. Tryon's forces and our own at the head of Ridgefield Street was a young man scarcely seventeen years of age, by the name of Jeremiah Keeler. The scene aroused all the patriotic fire within his soul, and determined his course for the future. At the solicitation of Col. Bradley he eagerly enlisted in the regular army, and by his courage and fidelity reflected great credit upon his native town. With the Connecticut line he shared the fatigues and dangers of the three memorable years that immediately followed; shortly after which, being selected by Baron Steuben, he joined the light infantry commanded by Gen. De la Fayette, under whom he held the post of orderly sergeant. He was frequently appointed to execute difficult and responsible duties; and on an occasion of this kind the marquis presented him with a sword and his thanks as a testimonial of his regard for a faithful and courageous soldier. At the memorable siege of Yorktown, when La Fayette's brigade was employed to storm one of the British forts, Sergt. Keeler was one of the first who in the midst of a murderous fire scaled the breastworks and compelled the enemy to yield. He witnessed the surrender of Cornwallis, which virtually terminated the war, but he remained faithfully at his post until the disbanding of the forces, in 1783. He was mustered out of the service in Virginia, and soon after, with the sword which Gen. La Fayette gave him, for a cane, he walked back to his native town. This sword is still to be seen at his late home in South Salem, N. Y., just over the State line. Mr. Keeler died February, 1853, aged nearly ninety-three years.

"The year following this incursion of the enemy, Gen. Putnam was ordered into this part of the State, just across the Redding line, for the winter, and fears of further invasions all subsided. An incident of his stay we allude to for the purpose of presenting a picture of army-life in that early day, as well as of correcting what seems to be a wrong statement:

"It was late in the autumn of 1778 when Gen. Putnam removed his army from White Plains and Peekskill to Redding, at which place he was to establish his headquarters for the winter. The position thus selected was in many respects an advatageous one. He was enabled to cover the country adjoining the Sound and the southwestern frontier, and at the same time to support the garrison at West Point, if necessary. The house which he occupied as his headquarters is still standing, although in a dilapidated condition, and is situated on the *old* Danbury and Norwalk road, about three miles west of the Congregational church, and is now owned by Mr. Meeker. The northeast room of the same house was also at one time occupied by Joel Barlow, LL.D., who was a native of this town. It was in this room that most of his poetry was written.

"Gen. Putnam had at this time under his orders Gen. Poor's New Hampshire brigade, two brigades of Connecticut troops, the corps of infantry commanded by Col. Hazen, and the corps of cavalry under Col. Sheldon.

"It was while at Redding that the soldiers suffering from the want of proper food and clothing were so strongly tempted to rebel against the authority of their commanding officers and, if necessary, at the point of the bayonet demand of General Assembly what they esteemed their rights.

"We must remember that they were not soldiers by profession; they were simply citizens armed for the defense of their country. They had known and appreciated the endearments of home and all the domestic enjoyments of life. They were men who had been always accustomed to think independently and speak out their thoughts without fear or favor. Therefore they were restless under the iron discipline of the camp and the privations which seemed to them needlessly severe. They were ready to suffer and die, if need be, for their country; there was no lack of courage or patriotism. No thought of insubordination probably ever entered their minds when actually engaged in battle or in the active duties of military life, but now their time was passing in comparative idleness, and they had abundant leisure to brood over their privations and their gloomy prospects. And, as if to fill to overflowing their cup of bitterness, they had thus far been paid off in the depreciated currency of the times, which had proven almost worthless not alone to them, but to their families, left in straitened circumstances behind them.

"It was under such circumstances that the Connecticut brigades formed the design of marching to Hartford, where the Legislature was then sitting, and demand redress. One of the brigades was actually under arms for this purpose when the news for the first reached the ears of Gen. Putnam. Springing into his saddle, he rode to the cantonment, and thus addressed them: 'My brave lads, whither are you going? Do you intend to desert your officers, and to invite the enemy to follow you into the country? Whose cause have you been fighting and suffering so long in? Is it not your own? Have you no property, no parents, wives, or children? You have behaved like men so far; all the world is full of your praises; and posterity will stand astonished at your deeds, but not if you spoil all at last. Don't you consider how much the country is distressed by the war, and that your officers have not been any better paid than yourselves? But we all expect better times, and that the country will do us ample justice. Let us stand by one another, then, and fight it out like brave soldiers. Think what a shame it would be for Connecticut men to run away from their officers!'

"Each regiment received the general with the usual salutations as he rode along the lines. When he had concluded his address he directed the acting major of

brigade to give the word for them to shoulder arms, to march to their regimental parades, and there to lodge their guns. They obeyed with promptness and apparent good-humor. A single soldier only who had been most active in the affair was confined in the quarter-guard, and was shot dead by the sentinel while attempting to escape during the succeeding night.

"During Putnam's stay at Redding two persons were executed,—one a soldier, by the name of Smith, who was shot for desertion; the other a Mr. Jones, of Ridgefield, a royalist, who was hung as a spy: both suffered on the same day. These executions took place on Gallows Hill, a mile or more from Gen. Putnam's headquarters.

"The scene as described by Mr. Barber in his 'Historical Collections' is revolting to every feeling of humanity and degrading to the character of the general in command. He says (page 399), 'The man on whom the duty of hangman devolved left the camp, and on the day of execution could not be found. A couple of boys about the age of twelve years were ordered by Gen. Putnam to perform the duties of the absconding hangman. The gallows was about twenty feet from the ground. Jones was compelled to ascend the ladder, and the rope around his neck was attached to the cross-beam. Gen. Putnam then ordered Jones to jump from the ladder. "No, Gen. Putnam," said Jones, "I am innocent of the crime laid to my charge; I shall not do it." Putnam then ordered the boys before mentioned to turn the ladder over. The boys were deeply affected by the trying scene; they cried and sobbed loudly, and earnestly entreated to be excused from doing anything on this distressing occasion. Putnam, drawing his sword, ordered them forward, and compelled them at the sword's point to obey his orders. The soldier that was shot for desertion was but a youth of sixteen or seventeen years of age. Three balls were shot through his breast; he fell on his face, but immediately turned over on his back; a soldier then advanced, and, putting the muzzle of his gun near the convulsive body of the youth, discharged its contents into his forehead. The body was then taken up and put into a coffin. The soldiers had fired their pieces so near that they set the boy's clothing on fire, which continued burning. An officer with a drawn sword stood by, while every soldier of the three brigades which were out on the occasion was ordered to march by and look at the mangled remains.'

"Mr. Barber says, in a foot-note, that the particulars of the execution of these two persons were derived from an aged inhabitant of Redding who was present on the occasion, and stood but a few feet from Jones when he was executed.

"Mr. Hollister, however, in his 'History of Connecticut,' does not credit the account given by Mr. Barber. The following note, taken from vol. ii., page 375, will explain itself:

"'The Rev. Nathaniel Bartlett, who was pastor of the Cong^{l} Church in Redding for a period of fifty years, officiated as chaplain to the encampment during the winter, and was present at the execution. He interceded with Gen. Putnam to defer the execution of Smith until Washington could be consulted, the offender being a youth of seventeen years; but the commander assured him that a reprieve could not be granted.

"'Mr. Bartlett was an earnest and fearless Whig, and openly talked and preached "rebellion;" so much so that the Tories, who were numerous in the eastern part of the town, threatened to hang him if they could catch him. In consequence of these threats, he often carried a loaded musket with him when on his parochial visits. His son and successor in the ministry at Redding—the Rev. Jonathan Bartlett, now (1855) in his ninety-first year—well remembers the Revolutionary encampment at Redding, and frequently visited it. He is sure that the story in Barber's "Historical Collections" about Putnam's inhumanity at the execution of Smith and Jones is incorrect. Though not present himself, he has often heard his father relate the incidents of the occasion; and, furthermore, he once called the attention of Col. Ashbel Salmon (who died in 1848, aged ninety-one), who was a sergeant in attendance upon the execution, to the statement, and he declared that nothing of the kind took place.'

"As further evidence of the incorrectness of Mr. Barber's statement, we would offer the following extract from the notes of a sermon preached in the Congregational church in Green's Farms by Rev. Thomas F. Davies (father of the present Dr. Davies, of Philadelphia), on March 29, 1839.

"Referring to this matter as related by Mr. Barber, he says,—

"'Mr. Barber must have been misinformed. Redding is my native town, and from my boyhood I have heard the history of the proceedings on the occasion referred to, and was much surprised at the statements in the "Historical Collections." The Rev. Mr. Bartlett, whose father was chaplain on that occasion, informs me that Gen. Putnam could not have been guilty of the acts there charged.

"'That Mr. Barber may have something to substitute for the narrative to which I object, I give the following: When Gen. Putnam occupied the house of which Mr. Barber has given an engraving, a scene occurred which presents the general in a very amiable light. A poor man with a family needing support, and who lived in the neighboring town of Ridgefield, was told by one acquainted with his wants that if he would visit Gen. Putnam and hold a conversation with him, he would, on his return and on proof of the fact, give him a bushel of wheat. The temptation in that time of scarcity and taxes was great, and so also was the fear of intruding upon so distinguished an individual, but the stern necessities of his condition at length induced the poor man to venture. He accordingly presented himself at headquarters and requested the servant to solicit for him an interview with the general. Putnam promptly summoned the man to his presence, directed him to be seated, and listened with interest while the man, with great trepidation, gave the statement which accounted for the liberty he had taken. The general directed the servant to bring some wine, conversed for a time very pleasantly with his needy visitor, and then, calling for pen and ink, wrote a certificate, in which he gave the name of the individual and stated that he had visited and conversed with Gen. Putnam, who signed it in his official character. Thus furnished with the means of giving bread to his family, the distressed individual returned to his humble roof; and this anecdote, which I have on the very best authority, is proof that Putnam was not destitute of those kind and gentle affections which are so desirable an ornament of the most heroic character.'

"Among the most familiar names in the town a half-century ago was that of Gen. Joshua King. He was the father of the present Hon. Joshua I. King, who in 1849 represented the Eleventh District in the State Senate, and of the late Rufus H. King, a well-known merchant of Albany.

"When Gen. King was but seventeen years of age he enlisted in the regular army, and served with great bravery and fidelity until the close of the war.

"At the time of Maj. Andre's capture, Gen. King (then lieutenant in the Second Regiment of Light Dragoons, under Col. Sheldon) was stationed in South Salem. The house which was occupied by Lieut. King, and which has been but recently removed, stood about one mile north of the Presbyterian church.

"The morning after the capture of Andre he was brought to Lieut. King's quarters. Lieut. King was at the moment being shaved. After his valet had finished the operation and had dressed his hair, Lieut. King turned to his prisoner and politely inquired if like services would not also be agreeable to him. Lieut. King did not at the time recognize in Maj. Andre so distinguished a personage, but was nevertheless impressed with the belief that, whatever his rank as a soldier might be, he was at all events a gentleman. His dusty and somewhat rusty garments, his soiled and travel-stained linen, could not effectually hide those distinctive marks which always betray refinement and culture.

"Maj. Andre readily accepted the kind offer, and was soon under the careful manipulations of the valet. As soon as the powder began to fly from the prisoner's hair the lieutenant was convinced that he was by no means an ordinary man.

"After being shaved and having his hair dressed, he courteously asked the privilege of retiring to his bed, that he might have his soiled linen washed. Lieut. King assured him that such a step would be unnecessary, as he himself would supply him with whatever change he might desire. The major, with many expressions of gratitude, availed himself of the lieutenant's hospitality, and soon appeared in a much improved condition. The most friendly relations consistent with their respective positions at once sprang up between the two; they walked and talked as inclination led, and at night occupied the same bed.

"The lieutenant and two of his men were detailed to convey Maj. Andre to headquarters. While on their way a dispatch informed Lieut. King for the first who his illustrious prisoner was,—that he was no less a personage than the adjutant-general of the British army; that he was suspected of being a spy and holding a treasonable correspondence with Arnold for the surrender of West Point. So soon as the message was received, Maj. Andre eagerly inquired whether Arnold had actually succeeded in making his escape, evincing, seemingly, more interest in Arnold's safety than in his own.

"After they arrived at headquarters, Lieut. King's relations with the prisoner were no less intimate; although closely confined, he remained with him till his execution, even walking with him to the gallows.

"In relating the circumstances afterwards to a friend, Gen. King said that when Andre first caught sight of the fatal gibbet he gave a sudden start, and exclaimed, 'I am reconciled to death, but not to the mode,' and added, 'it will be but a momentary pang.'

"On arriving at the spot the brave and accomplished young officer mounted the cart, adjusted the rope to his neck with his own hands, and paid the penalty of his unsuccessful espionage.

"In the year 1817, Gen. King was written to by a friend who desired to know the exact facts in relation to Maj. Andre's capture, etc. The following letter was written by Gen. King in reply, and, although previously solicited for publication, is now for the first given to the public:

"'RIDGEFIELD, June 17th, 1817.

"'DEAR SIR: Yours of the 9th is before me. I have noted the contents and am sorry to express the indignation I feel at the idea of being obliged to translate a foreign language to obtain a true history of any part of our Revolution. The facts, so far as I am acquainted with them, I will state to the best of my ability or recollection. Paulding, Williams, and Van Wort I never saw before, or since, that event. I know nothing about them. The time and place where they stopped Major Andre seems to justify the character you have drawn of them. The truth is, to the imprudence of the man, and not the patriotism of any one, is to be ascribed the capture of Major Andre. I was the first and only officer who had charge of him whilst at the Headquarters of the 2nd Regiment of Light Dragoons, which was then at Esquire Gilbert's in South Salem. He was brought up by an adjutant and four men belonging to the Connecticut militia under the command of Lieut-Col. Jamison from the lines near Tarrytown, a character under the disguised name of John Anderson. He looked somewhat like a reduced gentleman. His small clothes were nankin, with long white top boots, in part, his undress military suit. His coat purple, with gold lace, worn somewhat threadbare, with a small brimmed tarnished beaver on his head. He wore his hair in a *quieu* with long, black band and his clothes somewhat dirty. In this garb I took charge of him. After breakfast my Barber came in to dress me—after which, I requested *him* to undergo the same operation, which he did.

"'When the ribbon was taken from his hair, I observed it full of powder. This circumstance, with others that occurred, induced me to believe I had no ordinary person in charge.

"'He requested permission to take the bed, whilst his shirt and small clothes could be washed. I told him, that was needless, for a change was at his service,—which he accepted.

"'We were close pent up in a bedroom with a guard at the door and window. There was a spacious yard before the door, which he desired he might be permitted to walk in with me. I accordingly disposed of my guard in such a manner as to prevent an escape. While walking together, he observed, he must make a confidant of somebody and he knew not a more proper person than myself, as I had appeared to befriend a stranger in distress. After settling the point between ourselves, he told me who he was, and gave me a short account of himself from the time he was taken at St. Johns in 1775 to that time. He requested pen and ink and wrote immediately to Genl Washington, declaring who he was. About midnight the express returned with orders from Genl Washington to Col Sheldon to send Major Andre immediately to Headquarters.

"'I started with him and before I got to North Salem meeting-house met another express with a letter directed to the Officer who had Major Andre in charge, and which letter directed a circuitous route to Headquarters for fear of re-capture, and gave an account of Arnold's desertion &c—with directions to forward the letter to Col Sheldon. I did so, and before I got to the end of my journey, I was joined by Captain Hoodgers first, and after by Major Talmadge and Captain Rogers. Having giving you this clue, I proceed with the major's own story. He said he came up the North river in the sloop of war Vulture for the purpose of seeing a person by flag of truce. That was not however accomplished. Of course he had to come ashore in a skiff, and after he had done his business, the wind was so high, the Dutchman who took him ashore dare not venture to return him on board. The night following the militia had lined the shore, so that no attempt would be made with safety, consequently he was furnished, after changing his clothes, with a continental horse and General Arnold's pass and was to take a route by Peekskill, Crumpound, Pinesbridge, Sing Sing, Tarrytown, &c to New York.

"'Nothing occurred to disturb him on his route until he arrived at the last place, except at Crumpound. He told me, his hair stood erect and his heart was in his mouth on meeting Col Samuel B. Webb of our army plump in the face. An acquaintance of his said that Col Stoddert knew him and he thought that he was gone but they kept moving along and soon passed each other. He then thought himself past all

danger and while ruminating on his good luck and hairbreadth escapes he was assailed by three bushmen near Tarrytown, who ordered him to stand. He said to them, "I hope gentlemen you belong to the lower party."—"We do," says one.—"So do I," says he, "and by the token of this ring and key you will let me pass. I am a British officer on business of importance and must not be detained." One of them took his watch from him and then ordered him to dismount. The moment that was done, he said he found he was mistaken, he must shift his tone. He says, "I am happy gentlemen to find I am mistaken—you belong to the upper party and so do I,—and to convince you of it here is Gen^l Arnold's pass," handing it to them. "Damn Arnold's pass," said they. "You said you were a British officer. Where is your money?"—"Gentlemen I have none about me," he replied.—"You a British Officer with a gold watch and no money! let us search him." They did so, but found none. Says one, "He has got his money in his boots, lets have them off and see." They took off his boots and there they found his papers, but no money. They then examined his saddle, but found none. He said he saw they had such a thirst for money, he would put them in the way to get it, if they would be directed by him. He asked them to name their sum to deliver him at King'sbridge. They answered him in this way, "If we deliver you at King'sbridge, we shall be sent to the sugar-house and you will save your money." He says, "If you will not trust my honor, two of you may stay with me and one shall go with the letter I will write, name your sum." The sum was agreed upon, but I cannot recollect whether it was 500 or 1000 guineas but the latter, I think, was the sum. They held a consultation a considerable time and finally they told him if he wrote, a party would be sent out and take them and then they should all be prisoners. They said they had concluded to take him to the commanding officer on the lines. They did so and retained the watch until Gen^l Washington sent for them to Tappen, when the watch was restored to Maj. Andre. Thus, you see, had money been at command, after the imprudent conclusion of Maj. Andre, or any security given that the British would have put confidence in, he might have passed on to Sir Henry Clinton's Headquarters with all his papers and Arnold's pass into the bargain. I do not recollect to have seen a true statement of this business in any history that has fallen into my hands. If my memory serves me, Arnold solicited and obtained the command of West Point in consequence or his being an invalid and the reason why his negociation was not completed by flag of truce, I will state what Gen^l Washington told the French ambassador, Lucerne. He stated on his route to Hartford, that he dined with Gen^l Arnold at Haverstraw at Joshua Smith's, where Arnold and Andre met. Gen^l Arnold shewed him a letter from Gen^l Robinson directed to Gen^l Israel Putnam, or Officer commanding West Point requesting an interview by flag on business of the first importance to the United States. Gen^l Arnold asked Gen^l Washington if he should go and hear what he had to say, Gen^l Washington replied that it would be very improper for the Commander in chief of a post to meet anybody himself—he could send a trusty hand if he thought proper. But, he added, I had no more suspicion of Arnold than I had of myself. This accounts for Maj. Andre's failure to negociate by flag and his subsequent movements. I have thus complied with your request, giving you such facts, viz, what I had from the mouth of Maj. Andre and what I heard Gen^l Washington tell the French minister soon after the execution of Andre.'

"J. Howard King, Esq., has in his possession the chair used by Maj. Andre while a prisoner in the hands of his grandfather, Gen. Joshua King. Maj. Andre in all probability occupied the chair when he penned his celebrated letter to Washington, for by reference to Irving's 'Life of Washington' it will be seen that this letter was written while at South Salem. Then it was that he was for the first made acquainted with the fact that the papers found secreted in his boots had been forwarded to Gen. Washington.

"He immediately sat down and wrote the following lines:

"'I beg your Excellency will be persuaded that no alteration in the temper of my mind or apprehensions for my safety induces me to take the step of addressing you; but that it is to secure myself from the imputation of having assumed a mean character for treacherous purposes, or self-interest. It is to vindicate my fame that I speak, and not to solicit security.

"'The person in your possession is Maj. John Andre, adjutant-general of the British army.

"The influence of one commander in the army of his adversary is an advantage taken in war. A correspondence for this purpose I held, as confidential (in the present instance) with his Excellency Sir Henry Clinton. To favor it, I agreed to meet upon ground not within the posts of either army, a person who was to give me intelligence. I came up in the 'Vulture' man-of-war for this effect, and was fetched from the shore to the beach. Being there, I was told that the approach of day would prevent my return, and that I must be concealed until the next night. I was in my regimentals and had fairly risked my person.

"'Against my stipulation, my intention, and without my knowledge beforehand, I was conducted within one of your posts. Thus was I betrayed into the vile condition of an enemy within your posts.

"'Having avowed myself a British officer, I have nothing to reveal but what relates to myself, which is true, on the honor of an officer and a gentleman.

"'The request I have made to your Excellency, and I am conscious that I address myself well, is, that in any rigor policy may dictate, a decency of conduct towards me may mark that, though unfortunate, I am branded with nothing dishonorable; as no motive could be mine but the service of my king, and as I was involuntarily an impostor.'

"It was here also that, having a talent for caricature, he amused himself by making a ludicrous sketch of himself and his rustic escort under march, and, presenting it to an officer in the room (probably Lieut. King), said gayly, 'This will give you an idea of the style in which I have had the honor to be conducted to my present abode.'

"Although it is eminently fitting, it is none the less an illustration of the mysterious manner in which an overruling Providence arranges the affairs of this life, that the *chair* occupied by the illustrious prisoner of Lieut. King should, by mere accident seemingly, fall into the hands of his grandson, who a hundred years after the event recorded returns to make for himself a summer home on the exact spot where his grandfather had first resided after his marriage, and within a few miles of the house wherein Maj. Andre was confined.

"The parish of Ridgebury is situated in the northern extremity of the town, and is separated from the village of Ridgefield by a gorge or ravine and a range of rugged hills formerly known as the Asproom ledge. So distinct and well defined is this dividing-line that the two parishes present the appearance of two townships. This is the section granted the town as part compensation for the *oblong* which was set off to the State of New York.

"During the Revolutionary war a goodly number of the inhabitants of this part of the town took up arms in defense of the country. Upon the approach of the British troops under Gen. Tryon, on Sunday, April 27, 1777, after the burning of the military stores at Danbury, most of the people fled through the rain that at the time was falling to a hill about one and one-half miles northwest of the present Congregational church. From their position they could distinctly see the regulars, as they were termed, pass through the village. First came a rude body of light-horse, then three pieces of cannon, followed by the main body, said to be two thousand strong, with three pieces of cannon in the rear. As they passed the house of Capt. Timothy Benedict, standing on the

corner of the road leading to Danbury, they fired two pistol-shots at some person looking out at a window, but without doing any harm.

"As the light-horsemen passed through the outskirts of the village on the west they fired at several persons near the New York State line. About 9.30 A.M., and within half an hour after Tryon's departure, Maj.-Gen. Wooster with a detachment of two hundred men pursued him on the road leading to Ridgefield Village.

"It appears that a raid had for some weeks been expected, and in consequence of a rumor circulated to that effect on Sunday, April 13th, just two weeks previous, the inhabitants, after secreting many of their valuables in wells and caves, fled with such articles as they could conveniently carry with them to a place of safety on a neighboring hill.

"The late Hon. Benjamin Lynes, then a lad of some sixteen years, and a resident of Redding, was taken prisoner by Gen. Tryon, and compelled to accompany him several miles towards Danbury, when, on account of his youth, he was set at liberty.

"In September, 1780, Gen. Washington having received a communication from Count de Rochambeau, commander-in-chief of the French forces then at Newport, requesting an interview at Hartford, Conn., he left Verplanck's Point, on the Hudson, on the 18th of the month, passed through Peekskill, and spent the night in Ridgebury, at the hotel of Ensign Samuel Keeler. Mrs. Rebecca Boughton, daughter of Daniel Coley, Esq., then about twelve years of age, often spoke of having seen him and his aid on that occasion.

"On the 23d of May, 1781, Washington again interviewed Count de Rochambeau,—this time at Wethersfield, Conn., for the purpose of settling upon a definite plan of campaign. It is probable that at this interview arrangements were made to remove the French army to a point in the State near the York State line, so that they could at short notice join the American army; for during the following month Rochambeau and Duke de Lauzun (Lauzun-Biron) marched from Newport across the State of Connecticut and took post at Ridgebury.

"During their stay in Ridgebury the main body of Rochambeau's army encamped on the ridge just east of the main street, on land now owned by Samuel S. St. John, Esq. One division took post on a hill about one mile south of the church, near the schoolhouse. At this point the army was about equally distant from Long Island Sound and the Hudson River. Count de Rochambeau and suite are said to have made their headquarters at Ensign Keeler's hotel.

"Several carts loaded with specie were placed, under strong guard, on the premises and near the dwelling of Daniel Coley, Esq., midway between the two divisions. The supplies for the whole French army were transported in carts,—eight hundred and ten in number,—most of them drawn by two pairs of oxen and a horse, then designated as a five-cattle team.

"The late Thomas Boughton, at that time too young to join the regular army, hired as teamster to the French, driving his father's team. He accompanied the supply-train from Connecticut to Virginia, and was present at the surrender of Cornwallis at Yorktown. In after-years he often spoke of the magnificent display made by Rochambeau's army on that occasion.

"On the 2d of July, 1781, Duke de Lauzun left his encampment and marched his forces to East Chester, N. Y., where he arrived on the morning of the 3d, his purpose being the capture or destruction of Delancy's corps of refugees at Morrisania.

"Count de Rochambeau, with the main body of his army, probably broke camp at Ridgebury on the 4th of July, 1781, as they joined Gen. Washington at Dobb's Ferry on the 6th.

"A liberty-pole erected by the Whigs about the commencement of the war was in the night cut down by the Tories. This exasperated the former, who at once raised another, filling it for several feet with spikes and pieces of old iron to protect it against a similar disaster. About the year 1860 some two feet of this pole was dug up by William M. Lynes, Esq. It was in a fair state of preservation, and still contained many of its iron protectors.

"During the war several families residing in Ridgebury improved every opportunity to aid King George in his efforts to subdue the colonies, or, in other and plainer words, were Tories. In some instances they converted their cellars into places of concealment and security, where such as had made themselves particularly obnoxious to the Whigs by their loyalty to the Crown could be safely secreted. These hiding-places were approached by trap-doors made in the floor beneath beds. Through these doors the occupants were supplied with food by the less objectionable Tories. In some instances they were arrested by the government officers and imprisoned. One went back to England, but returned after the war, and was supported by and buried at the expense of the town."

CHAPTER LXIV.

RIDGEFIELD (Continued).

Ridgefield List in Ye Year 1746—Ridgefield in 1800—Sketch of the Town in 1855.

THE town gradually increased in wealth and population, and in 1746 it had one hundred and fifty-six taxable inhabitants, and the "listable estate" amounted to nine thousand and one pounds one shilling and sixpence. The following is the list taken from the old town book:

RIDGEFIELD LIST.

	£	s.	d.
Abbott, Jr., Jonathan	55	7	6
Abbott, David	22	0	0
Abbott, Daniel	22	0	0
Abbott, Lemuel	76	14	0
Benedict, Matthew	114	2	0
Burt, S	53	17	0
Benedict, Timothy	75	10	0
Burt, C	33	4	0
Brown, John	71	2	0
Benedict, Cyril Benj	70	1	6
Benedict, Sr., James	123	12	0
Benedict, Amos	34	0	0
Brooks, Jonathan	41	15	0
Bennit, Jr., Samuel	47	16	0
Bennit, Ephraim	49	0	0
Bennit, Sr., Samuel	61	18	0
Burt, Benjamin	105	17	0
Brooks, J., Ebenezer	7	17	0
Benedict, Daniel	47	19	6
Bennett, Gershom	7	9	0
Bennett, Abraham	43	12	0
Benedict, Jr., James	60	12	0
Benedict, John	63	0	0
Crawford, Israel	35	0	0
Carley, Joseph	47	5	0
Cole, Ichabod	36	0	0
Cole, Timothy	33	0	0
Dancy, Virus	106	1	6
Chapman, Albert	15	4	6
Elions, Harmonions	24	0	0
Foster, Timothy	32	0	0
Foster, Josiah	49	14	0
Foster, Jr., Josiah	34	0	0
Farquhar, Robert	24	0	0
Follate, Joseph	51	18	0
Gates, Samuel	45	12	0
Gilbert, Samuel	11	4	0
Gilbert, Ebenezer	28	0	0
Grumman, Ebenezer	42	10	0
Hawley, Thomas	51	15	0
Hoyt, Benj	116	18	0
Hawley, Elijah	51	15	0
Hobart, Joseph	53	8	0
Hobart, Jr., Joseph	86	0	0
Hyatt, Sr., Thomas	70	8	0
Hyatt, Jr., Thomas	72	7	0
Hyatt, Jr., Benjamin	28	0	0
Hawley, Joseph	137	0	0
Hawley, Nathan	31	7	0
Jones, Jacob	77	16	0
Isaacs, Samuel	66	0	0
Keeler, Jr., Timothy	63	2	0
Keeler, John	27	0	0
Keeler, Jonah	74	1	0
Keeler, Lot	53	5	0
Keeler, Silas	35	10	0
Keeler, Martin	48	12	0
Keeler, Isaac	79	2	9
Keeler, Jr., Joseph	66	2	0
Keeler, Samuel	64	0	0
Keeler, Jr., Timothy	52	17	6
Keeler, Elijah	18	0	0
Lobdell, John	38	8	0
Lobdell, Caleb	64	14	0
Lobdell, Ebenezer	29	0	0
Lobdell, Samuel	64	12	6
Morehouse, Samuel	124	0	6
Marsha l, Gregory	47	18	0
Marshall, Jabez	37	0	0
Meed, Israel	64	4	0
Northrup, Jr., Joseph	62	4	0
Northrup, Jr., James	40	7	0
Northrup, Eli	67	17	3
Northrup, Gabriell	123	3	0
Northrup, John	58	14	0
Northrup, David	89	16	0
Northrup, Sr., James	64	3	0
Northrup, Jabez	34	2	0
Northrup. Sr., Joseph	42	6	6
Northrup, Aaron	61	14	0
Northrup, Abraham	37	13	6
Northrup, Isaac	24	17	0
Northrup, Nathan O	0	10	0
Northrup, Jr., Nathan	38	0	0
Osborn, Jonathan	42	14	0
Osborn, Joseph	11	8	0
Osborn, Nathan	67	14	0
Osborn, Richard	16	5	0
Osborn, Jeremiah	40	14	0
Olmstead, Samuel	66	12	0
Olmstead, Capt. Richard	77	16	0
Olmstead, John	36	8	2
Olmstead, Jr., Richard	50	10	0
Olmstead, Thomas	23	0	0
Olmstead, Ambrose	48	8	0
Olmstead, Capt. Daniel	78	16	0
Olmstead, Jonathan	32	0	0
Olmstead, Stephen	28	2	0
Portman, [illegible]hard	1	10	0
Rockwell, Benjamin	64	6	0
Rockwell, Jonathan	19	6	0
Rockwell, Thomas	106	12	0
Rockwell, John	92	16	0
Rockwell, Daniel	54	12	0
Rockwell, Jabez	41	6	0
Rossguie, Alexander	47	2	0
Rossguie, Jacob	73	0	0
Rossguie, Abraham	37	2	0
Stebbins, Benjamin	268	12	6
Smith, Stephen	53	16	0
Sherwood, Daniel, Sr.	109	4	0
Smith, Jonah	104	16	0
St. John, Samuel	3	8	0
Smith, Gideon	103	16	0
Smith, Thomas	58	0	0
Storker, Joseph	27	0	0
Smith, Ebenezer	86	10	6
Smith, Daniel	58	13	0
Smith, Job	59	6	0
Smith, Samuel	143	10	0
Smith, John	73	8	6
Smith, Samuel ye 3d	67	12	9
Sherwood, Daniel, Jr	41	12	0
Smith, Samuel	114	9	6

Smith, Samuel ye 4th.
Seamore, Mathew.
Seamore, Mathew, Jr.
Street, Timothy.
St. John, Nathan.
Smith, Isaac.
Smith, David.
Smith, Jabez.
Sherwood, Nathan.
Scott, David.
Stebbins, Jr., Benjamin.
Stebbins, Ebenezer.
Reivinge, Thomas.
Ventrus, Benjamin.
Whitne, Henry.
Whitlock, Nathaniel.
Whitlock, Jonathan.
Whitlock, Adams.
Whittson, Thomas.
Whittson, Jr., Benjamin.
Whitnee, John.
Whitnee, Richard.
Whitlock, John.
Wood, David.
Whitlock, Abraham.
Wittson, Daniel.
Whitnee, Daniel.
Wood, Obadiah.
Wood, Jr., Obadiah.
Tongue, James.
Barnum, Joshua.
Nash, Ebenezer.

The Sum Totall of the Listable Estate of ye Town of Ridgefield in ye year 1746 is £9001 1s. 6d.

SAMUEL SMITH, ye 3d.
JAMES NORTHROP,
JONATHAN OLMSTEAD,
Trustees.

Received to record January 23, 1746–47, and Recorded pr me
TIMO KEELER,
Register.

RIDGEFIELD IN 1800.*

"In consequence of the exchange made by this State with the State of New York, in 1733, for part of Stamford and Greenwich, of what is commonly called the Oblong, one mile and three-quarters in width, the whole length of the first patent was cut off from Ridgefield; the whole town therefore contains but two located Societies, being the first or old society and Ridgebury. The town in its present form is nearly in the common figure of a coffin. The First Society contains about sixteen thousand acres, and Ridgebury Society, in this town, about eleven thousand. The whole township is about fifteen miles in length, the width at south end about three miles and three-quarters; at about one-third of the length northward it is about five miles wide, and at the north end only half a mile; bounded south by Norwalk, east by Redding and part of Danbury, north by Danbury and New Fairfield, and west by the State of New York. There

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* The following is a highly-interesting sketch of Ridgefield as it appeared eighty years ago, and is from the pen of the Rev. Samuel Goodrich, being extracts from a manuscript work in the Hartford Athenæum entitled, "A Statistical Account of Ridgefield, in the County of Fairfield, drawn up by Rev. Samuel Goodrich from Minutes furnished by a Number of his Parishioners, A.D. 1800."

were in the year 1799 ten schools kept in the First Society by masters in as many school-houses built for that purpose, and the number of scholars taken by the visiting committee were four hundred and thirty-three.

"There are three foreigners in the town who are paupers,—viz., two men and one woman. One of the men, named Yabecomb, was from Wales; the other, named Jagger, is an old man about ninety-five years, an Englishman, who served under the Duke of Cumberland at the battle of Culloden in 1745, and was in Flanders with the regiment previous to that battle.

"There is the appearance of sundry Indian graves at a place commonly called Nooricus Ridge. There is one mountain which retains its Indian name, *Asproom* ('high or lofty'), and there are several ponds, as Mammenusquah, Nisopack, Aokeets, and Umperwauge. There are no Indians at present living in the town, except one, who has learned the mason trade and has married a white woman. One died in the town about two years since at a great age, not certainly known, but supposed ninety-six or more.

"The general face of the land is gently swelling ridges, extending from north to south, though there are some broken, abrupt, rocky precipices and a considerable quantity of very stony land, which is yet, and probably will be, reserved to grow wood and timber upon. The soils on the ridges are generally composed of loam and clay, and there is a considerable quantity in some parts of the town of a light limestone soil, but little of gravel. The lowlands, or swamps, of which there are several, are generally a deep black soil, made by the fallen timber and leaves and the wash from the ridges, but they suffer much for the want of drainage. The soil was originally very fertile and produced plenty of excellent wheat, which has generally failed since the appearance of the Hessian fly, though now and then it does well in some favorite spots.

"It at present produces good rye and Indian corn,—a considerable more than for the consumption of the inhabitants,—flax, large quantities of oats, buckwheat, beans, and peas. Onions grow as well in some open gardens as in any part of the State. The land is very good for grass.

"The middle of the township lies about fourteen miles from the landing at Norwalk, and is equally distant on the highest land between the rivers Hudson and Ausatonuck, and in particular the hill or ridge lying west of and near the town street is by way of eminence called the High Ridge (Indian name, Candoto), from which, in clear weather, the mountains west of the Hudson, and the West Rock, near New Haven, may be clearly seen, and the Sound for fifty or sixty miles. The waters rise at the foot of this hill and run in different directions, discharging into the Sound at Fairfield, Norwalk, and Stamford, and into the river Hudson by the river Titicus, and through the river Croton. The waters also which rise in this town discharge into the Ousetonuck at the great falls in New Milford. There are, therefore, no streams of any considerable magnitude or consequence before they leave the limits of the town, and thus all are frequently during the summer months too small to carry mills. There are, however, some ponds in the town that have by improvement been made sufficient to answer the necessities of the inhabitants and more. The town, being a hilly country, furnishes a number of excellent small springs of water, which is light or heavy according to the soil from which they flow. Some of the springs have in the course of ten or fifteen years changed the quality of the water, and some few wells, from what cause is not certainly known; it is, however, in one well, attributed to its being not long used. The most remarkable spring is in the southerly part of the town, and is commonly called Silver Spring; the water is very cold and heavy. It discharges about one-fourth water sufficient to carry a grist-mill, and is not materially affected by the freshet or drought. The wells on the height of the ridges are commonly from thirty to forty feet, those in the valleys from twelve to thirty; but in time of severe drought many wells fail of water. There have been but two instances of aqueducts in the town, and those only to supply a single family each, which experiments have been made in the course of this summer, and are likely to answer their design. The expense by the rod is about four shillings. There are a great many small streams in all parts of the town, but most of them in a dry season fail, except near the springs which produce them.

"There are in most of the mountains, amongst the rocks and stones, appearances of sulphur and iron. There has not yet any bed been opened that promises to pay the expenses of working. There has been several attempts to dig after the precious metals, and a considerable quantity of the ore has been carried away; but to collect any quantity of the metal has proved impracticable. There are several beds of limestone of good qualities, and some quarries of a grayish and sky-blue stone which is serviceable in building, but no freestone.

"The original timber consisted of the several sorts of walnuts and oaks. Butternuts are plenty, with maple, beech, ash, dogwood, elm, sassafras, and a number of shrubs, as whortleberries, bayberries, etc., stately spruce-trees. In the first settlement of the town the inhabitants annually burnt over the high rough land for the benefit of the wild feed that grew on them, which was a great injury to the old trees and entirely prevented the young from growing; but since that practice has ceased our rough lands have a most beautiful thriving young growth coming on, which promises plenty of timber and fuel. There is a considerable number of the sugar-maple trees growing, but no more sugar made than is consumed by the makers. The common method of perforating the tree

is either with a twist-auger or a narrow chisel. Our woods yield lumber for our maple-tubs, etc., and some small quantity for exportation, as heading, staves, and hoops. It is probable with prudent management this town will produce sufficient wood for fuel for the inhabitants for a century to come. The price of wood for fuel has not yet been more in the street than one dollar per load, containing half a cord. There have been several forges set up in the town and near it within a few years past, but it is probable that they will soon cease on account of the extraordinary consumption of wood, having in a short time more than doubled the price of woodland in the extremities of the town. There are five grist-mills in the town, two fulling-mills, and several saw-mills carried by water, which answer for the inhabitants, but carry on no business on an extensive scale.

"The price of land has gradually increased since the first improvement, but is not so high as in the neighboring towns, for the reasons that there are no gatherings of the people for or on account of the public business in the town, and our rivers are so small, being at the head of them, that no water-works can be carried on to profit on an extensive plan. There are but few mechanics and manufacturers, traders, or men in the learned professions, to the number of people who follow agriculture, and most of the inhabitants raise provisions for their own consumption and some for exportation, for which reason the price of labor or provisions is not generally so high as it is in more populous places.

"The people generally manufacture their own linen and woolen cloths in their families, using all their wool and most of their flax.

"It is supposed that the quantity of flaxseed annually sent from this town is from five hundred to one thousand bushels, according as the season is more or less productive. The old people love turnips yet better than potatoes, and there are considerable quantities used every year,—from two thousand to four thousand bushels a year; they make good feed for sheep and cows that give milk. Potatoes are very much used, and increased attempts are making to raise them for market; but the distance from market is so great that it is not expected the practice will be general.

"Our teams used for transportation and the several branches of industry and husbandry have been generally composed of oxen and horses together, and our vehicles for carriage have been carts and sleds; but within a few years past wagons drawn by horses have greatly multiplied, and the cart, harrow, and plow are more frequently drawn by oxen alone. The increase of cattle is doubtless an advantage to so rough a country as ours, and the increase of horses, except for sale and exportation, a disadvantage to us, [illegible] to every country.

"Pleasure-sleighs and those for lumber have greatly multiplied since the Revolution. Our grain is universally thrashed with flails and cleaned with a fan and riddled.

"The town being originally much covered with chestnut timber, that was for about fifty years chiefly used for fencing; since that time the post fences have gradually been replaced with stone, and at present there is but very little timber cut for that purpose except for posts and bars, and there is probably movable stone enough for the purpose of fencing.

"This town, by the mode of laying it out at first, was cut into small pieces or tracts of land, and, the people being generally husbandmen, scarce any man has more than he and his family want to improve, and of course we have no tenanted lands. There are some people who crop it, as is termed with us,—that is, plow and sow for a certain share; the common custom is to the labor two-thirds and to the land one.

"There has been for the last forty years a constant emigration of the people born in the town to the different parts of the United States.

"In our Revolution many of our young people left the town, and some of them now reside in the British dominion; some have returned, and several are dead. The people of this place have hitherto been so favored with the grace of God that there has never been one convicted of any crime punishable by laws of the land with death.

"There have been two instances of suicide, natives in the prime of life, one male and the other female; both were married and had families.

"Until about the year 1760 there was a considerable number of good sheep in the town, and they were kept by a shepherd in the summer months, and regularly twice in the week let to the highest bidder to lay on his plow-land during the night season, which method of manuring caused the worn land to produce excellent crops of wheat of the best quality, and great quantities of the land belonging to the proprietors was kept for the sheep to feed upon; but about that time (1760) the proprietors agreed to divide their interests in said several lands, and they were soon fenced up, since which time the sheep have gradually decreased, and would have become extinct but for the encouragement and protection of the Legislature.

"There are probably about half as many sheep in the town as there are people. It would be but a venture to guess the number of swine; there may be not far from fourteen hundred or fifteen hundred, and there are from one hundred and fifty to two hundred barrels of pork annually carried out of the town, and about as much beef. There may be from two hundred and fifty to three hundred firkins of butter exported and half the weight of cheese (nine thousand), and about one hundred head of fat cattle driven to market on their legs to New York.

"The making of butter has much increased within twenty years. As it can now be carried fresh to New York market, the price is more than three times than it was then.

"There is a good tan-work in this town, in which about fifty vats are occupied. It has, however, been the custom for almost all the farmers to tan their own leather, and do many other parts of mechanical business. There is also a hatting-manufactory, in which about five or six workmen are employed to good advantage; it furnishes the inhabitants with hats and sends abroad work to a handsome amount. There are likewise two boot- and shoe-factories, which will probably send abroad five thousand pairs of boots and shoes; the materials they work are chiefly brought from New York or abroad. Cabinet-work is done in town for the inhabitants and some of the neighboring towns. It has already been observed that the inhabitants manufacture all the wool they raise, and a considerable quantity is brought from abroad.

"A large quantity of ducking (not for sale, but for the Southern market), perhaps three thousand yards, at one shilling per yard, is annually made and sold. The great quantities of cotton cloths, as muslins, etc., imported and sold at a low price, has a tendency to discourage making American cloth, though many make linen and exchange with the shopkeepers for cotton goods.

"There are no breweries in this town, and the general custom, which used formerly be practiced, of making small-beer for family use, is almost entirely neglected, except for sake of the lees to make bread.

"There were formerly deer, bears, wolves, panthers, and wild-cats in our woods, and beaver in our ponds, but they are now extinct. We have red and gray foxes, some few raccoons, woodchucks, gray and striped squirrels. There were at the first settlement great numbers of rattlesnakes and snakes equally poisonous, but they are almost destroyed. One method for their destruction was the turning of swine among them, which devoured them. About the year 1780, and for several succeeding years, the canker-worm destroyed our apples and apple-trees in many of our orchards to a very alarming degree; but about the year 1794, in the spring season, soon after the leaves and worms made their appearance, there came into the orchards several flocks of uncommon birds, a little larger than a blue-bird, of a brown color, and picked the worms from the trees, as was also the case with a number of flocks of pigeons, which greatly checked them, and the frost which happens sometimes the latter end of May entirely destroyed them, so we have not one canker-worm since that has been heard of.

"Respecting the bird, it has never been seen with us since, except it be the one that appears in the winter, which, if it is the same, is considerably changed in its color.

"There were a few barberry-bushes in town that were for a long time kept for medical purposes; the great blast of wheat about the year 1775 induced people totally to destroy them.

"It is an undoubted fact that a bunch of those bushes, not more than an armful, blasted several fields of wheat, so as totally to destroy some and much injure others, at half a mile's distance. As to the cause of their blasting, it is conjectured that it is their sourness, as it is observed that wheat delights in light sweet soils, which naturally produces the white and red clover. It has also been observed that wheat-fields lying near swamps producing cranberries have been blasted by them; but it is necessary, in order to produce this destructive effect, that the weather be moist and the wind blow in a direction from the bushes or swamp to the fields of grain, when the noxious effluvia which the bushes emit fills the air, and being of such a nature that as soon as it comes in contact with the straw it poisons it, and destroys it so as to afford no nourishment to the kernel.

"There are two places or houses built for public worship in the First Society and two in Ridgebury, one of which, the Episcopal, has gone to decay. One of the houses in the old society is used by the Congregationalists, and the other by the Episcopalians. Mr. Thomas Hawley, from Northampton, was settled in the first society soon after the town was settled, in the year 1714, and was their first pastor and continued till the year 1739, when he deceased in the prime of life. He was an able divine, a man of great frankness and sociability, an excellent scholar, and was very useful to the town, not only as a minister but in a civil capacity, serving them as their town clerk, and doing almost all their writing business until his death.

"As an encouragement for his settlement in the ministry, in the then infant state of the town, he received one twenty-ninth part of the land to himself and his heirs. Some of his descendants are now living in the town. His salary was small at first, but increased gradually as the people became more able; but it may be remarked as a capital error in the original proprietors of this town, as in many others, in giving away the right of soil. It is probable that had what was given to Mr. Hawley been appropriated to the ministry and for religious purposes, that the interest at this day would have defrayed all the expenses of the society. Some may perhaps think it best, and that it endears a people and their minister supporting him by tax. Mr. Jonathan Ingersoll succeeded Mr. Hawley in the ministry. He was from Milford. He was ordained in the year 1740, and fulfilled for many years his duty with ability, ingrafting himself in the affections of the people, and was universally beloved and esteemed. Some years before his decease a shock of the palsy weakened his body and mind, but he continued to do his duty in office until near the time of his death, which was on 2d October, 1778, after which time there was a succession of temporary preachers until 6th of July, 1786, when Mr. Samuel Goodrich, of Durham, was ordained, and is the present pastor. It is worthy of remark that the people in this town have always been attached to their ministers, and great harmony and peace has subsisted between them.

"The Episcopalians built their first house of public worship in the year 1740; they never had a clergyman to themselves steadily, but have successively employed a number,—first, Mr. Caner, then Mr. Beach, Mr. Fowle, Mr. Townsend, Mr. De Lancey, Dr. Perry, and lastly Mr. Butler, who is esteemed a worthy man and gives good satisfaction to his people.

"Ridgebury Society was set off in the year 1763, and Mr. Samuel Camp was ordained to the pastorate care of the Congregational Church in the year, who still continues their minister. He is a man of a feeble bodily constitution, a critical scholar, a sound and orthodox divine, retentive memory, and great logical abilities. There has been in years past a number of people who call themselves Baptists, who showed much zeal in religion and met in private houses for worship. At the present they are much on the decline. A few have joined the Methodists, whose preachers, though very zealous, have made but little impression on the minds of the people in this town. Almost all the people attend public worship with the Congregationalists or Episcopalians, and there is and has been for a long time past the utmost harmony and friendship prevailing between the several denominations of Christians here, who frequently worship together and evince the efficacy of that spirit whose leading character is charity. A spirit of litigation has also greatly abated, and it is worthy of remark that at a late session of the County Court for this county there was not one man from the town during the whole term except one of the judges, and we never had any man living in the town who was a lawyer by profession.

"The church under the care of Mr. Goodrich consists of one hundred and thirty members.

"The whole number of inhabitants belonging to the congregations is eight hundred and fifty.

"There have been seventeen hundred and fifty baptisms since the year 1743, and one hundred and seventy pay taxes to the Congregationalists.

"About the time that Paine's 'Age of Reason' came abroad, Infidelity presented itself to view, and, like Milton's description of Death, 'Black it stood as night, fierce as ten furies, terrible as hell;' the horror of its features digusted the people to such a degree that it has not yet had one advocate in this town.

"The salary given Mr. Ingersoll was seventy-five pounds; to Mr. Goodrich one hundred and fifteen pounds and twenty cords of wood annually. The list of the town, fifty-one thousand doll^s; of the First Society twenty-two thousand doll^s. Public worship is here maintained by tax only.

"Schools in this town are maintained, 1st, in part by the produce of the sale of lands in Litchfield County by the State, and appropriated to the school; 2^d, by the produce of an excise duty laid on rum and tea, but the act, proving unpopular, was never carried into general execution. The money paid in by this town was returned and appropriated for the benefit of schools. 3^d, by the forty shillings on the thousand, as it is commonly called; 4th, by the produce of the sales of the Western lands; and lastly, in case of deficiency, by a tax on the scholars.

"The wages given to masters is from fifteen to eight dollars per month, according to number of scholars and the ability of the teachers. There is taught in our schools reading, writing, arithmetic, and grammar, some catechising, and a little manners. It has been remarked that since the visiting committee have attended to their duty, our schools are under better regulation and our scholars make greater proficiency. There are a number of young people who have been taught in our schools who have gone into other parts and taught with applause. Board for children is from seventy-five cents to one dollar per week, and tuition from fifty cents to one dollar per quarter.

"The number of poor who receive aid from the town do not exceed ten or twelve, of which number not more than two or three receive their whole support. Those that do are foreigners, being those mentioned before, one of which was a laborer and the other a soldier who wrought jet-work in cedar since he has been in this country till he was near eighty years old, and he will to this day, being in the ninety-sixth year of his age, sing a martial air he learned in Flanders and cry 'God save King George!' Those who receive partial aid do some work, and receive some assistance from relations and particular friends. The old soldier has been bid off to the lowest bidder for several years from seven shillings sixpence to six shillings per week. We have no poor that are chargeable but what became so by bodily imbecility.

"We had the last year not more than five taverns in town, though in years past we have had double that number; they are not much frequented by the inhabitants of the town. The grog-drinkers and brandy-tipplers have found a way to be supplied at a cheaper rate than they can obtain at licensed inns, and it is necessary that they should be prudent.

"In regard to climate, the height of our situation in the atmosphere and the descent of the land to the north renders the air, though cold, exceedingly salubrious. Different disorders have prevailed in different seasons, owing to different causes. The main street in the town, being on the highest land or near it, has ever been healthy; near the lowlands and ponds in the skirts of the town the fever and ague and other fevers have prevailed. There are some instances of nervous fevers almost every year, which generally proves mortal. The dysentery sometimes visits us, but has never made great ravages. Symptoms of putridity have appeared in some fevers, and have in some instances proved suddenly fatal, yet never been alarming. The smallpox has been familiar, and has in a great measure left its terrors since the practice of inoculation, which has been generally adopted by almost all the inhabitants. Three or four hundred have had it in a season, out of which

number from one to two have died; it is a very small expense. People here generally marry young, and are very prolific; in six families a number of years since, all living in one neighborhood, there were seventy-five children.

"The number of births greatly exceed the number of deaths. There may have been four thousand since the settlement of the town. The annual number of deaths, on an average for ten years past, will not exceed twenty,—about one in a hundred of the inhabitants. There has been one instance of a man who deceased in town one hundred and two years old; he was born at Eastchester, in the State of New York, and came into this town in his forty-fourth year, by name Richard Osborn. He was a very religious man, slender in body, had been a justice of the peace and deacon in the prime of life, was temperate in his habits and diet, but animated in his passions. There have been many instances of persons living over ninety, and great numbers who survive eighty, and considerably active. There are now living in the town three over ninety, and twenty who are eighty or more.

"In October a remarkable thunder-gust, tornado, or hurricane passed through the northerly part of this society and the south part of Ridgebury, destroying everything in its course in this and the neighboring towns. Eleven buildings were nearly destroyed, and three or four entirely. Several dwelling-houses were damaged in a surprising manner, but none of the inhabitants were destroyed or very materially injured.

"Our elevated situation occasions the earth to be covered much deeper and longer with snow than the neighboring towns, but we are not exposed to inundations, being so near the head of the streams. There have been for several years great swarms of insects (especially the rosebug) moving to the northward and northwest; some have supposed them to be the Hessian fly. For several years past a sort of caterpillar worm has prevailed upon the trees, both fruit-trees and forest-trees. In the latter part of summer, especially, the wild cherry-tree, many of the red and black ash-trees have been destroyed in the swamps and low grounds, and if not checked in their progress by Providence threaten wide destruction.

"Our little town has not much to boast of superior genius or intellects, though nature has been by no means niggardly to us in the distribution of her powers. The natives of the town are undoubtedly endued with as good natural capacities as any people on earth, though few of them have any great degree of acquired learning. The person who happens to be most employed by his fellow-freemen in public business soon claims and has the most notice. And we have many persons who never mounted the public stage of business, who only want to be called up and employed to exhibit talents which by experience would shine.

"Our various mechanics and artificers improve gradually in the beauty if not in the strength of their various manufactures. In regard to the vices of the people, though it might be prudent to draw a curtain to hide them, yet they will in one occasion or another become public. Robbing orchards and gardens in the season of fruit is the most prevalent, and other indulgence of fleshly appetites frequently cause repentance. The amusements commonly in vogue are ball, chess, quoits, and dancing. The people, by frequently stirring up, are attentive to their civil privileges and religious institutions. In liberality the people are not deficient, and have always furnished their quota for the public service. We have a small library of about one hundred and fifty volumes, established about five years since, and annually augmented."

SKETCH OF RIDGEFIELD IN 1855.

The following racy sketch of this town is from the pen of S. C. Goodrich, familiarly known as "Peter Parley," being a letter addressed to his brother:

"DEAR BROTHER,—I greatly regret that you could not continue your journey with us to Ridgefield. The weather was fine, and the season—crowning the earth with abundance—made every landscape beautiful. The woods which, as you know, abound along the route spread their intense shade over the land, thus mitigating the heat of the unclouded sun, and the frequent fields of Indian corn, with their long leaves and silken tassels, all fluttering in the breeze, gave a sort of holiday look to the scene. Of all agricultural crops this is the most picturesque and the most imposing. Let others magniloquize upon the vineyards of France and the olive-orchards of Italy; I parted with these scenes a few weeks since, and do not hesitate to say that, as a spectacle to the eye, our maize-fields are infinitely superior. Leaving New Haven by rail, we reached Norwalk in forty minutes; an hour after, we were at Ridgefield, having journeyed three miles by stage, from the Danbury and Norwalk station. Thus we performed a journey in less than two hours which cost a day's travel in our boyhood. You can well comprehend that we had a good time of it.

"As I approached the town I began to recognize localities,—roads, houses, and hills. I was in a glow of excitement, for it was nineteen years since I had visited the place, and there was a mixture of the strange and familiar all around which was at once pleasing and painful,—pleasing because it revived many cherished memories, and painful because it suggested that time is a tomb into which man and his works are ever plunging, like a stream flowing on only to disappear in an unfathomable gulf. The bright village of to-day is in fact the graveyard of the past generation. I was here like one risen from the dead, and come to look on the place which I once knew, but which I shall soon know no more. All seemed to me a kind of dream, half real and half imaginary,—now presenting some familiar and cherished remembrance, and now mocking me with strange and baffling revelations.

"Nevertheless, all things considered, I enjoyed the scene. The physiognomy of the town—a swelling mound of hills rising in a crescent of mountains—was all as I had learned it by heart in childhood. To the north the bending line of Aspen Ledge, to the east the Redding Hills, to the west the Highlands of the Hudson, to the south the sea of forest-crowned undulations sloping down to Long Island Sound, all in a cool but brilliant August sun, and all tinted with intense verdure, presented a scene to me—the pilgrim returning to his birthplace—of unrivaled interest.

"In general, the whole country seemed embowered in trees,—fresh and exuberant, and strongly in contrast with the wornout lands of the old countries,—with openings here and there upon hillside and valley, consisting of green meadow, or pasture, or blooming maize, or perhaps patches of yellow stubble, for the smaller grains had been already harvested. As I came within the precincts of the village I could not but admire the fields, as well on account of their evident richness of soil and excellent cultivation as their general neatness. The town, you know, was originally blessed or cursed, as the case may be, by a most abundant crop of stones. To clear the land of these was the Herculean task of the early settlers. For many generations they usurped the soil,

obstructed the plow, dulled the scythe, and now, after ages of labor, they are formed into sturdy walls, neatly laid, giving to the entire landscape an aspect not only of comfort, but refinement. In our day these were rudely piled up with frequent breaches,—the tempting openings for vagrant sheep and loose yearling cattle. No better evidence can be afforded of a general process and improvement than that most of these have been relaid with something of the art and nicety of mason-work. The Mat Olmsteads and Azor Smiths of the past half-century, who laid stone wall for Granther Baldwin and Gen. King at a dollar a rod, would be amazed to see that the succeeding generation has thrown their works aside in disgust and replaced them by constructions having somewhat of the solidity and exactitude of fortifications.

"As we passed along I observed that nearly all the houses which existed when we were boys had given place to new, and for the most part larger, structures. Here and there was an original dwelling. A general change had passed over the land: swamps had been converted into meadows; streams that sprawled across the path now flowed tidily beneath stone bridges; little shallow ponds, the haunts of muddling geese, had disappeared; the undergrowth of woods and copses had been cleared away; briers and brambles once thick with fruit or abounding in birds' nests, or perchance the hiding-place of snakes, had been extirpated, and corn and potatoes flourished in their stead. In one place where I recollected to have unearthed a woodchuck I saw a garden, and among its redolent pumpkins, cucumbers, and cabbages was a row of tomatoes,—a plant which in my early days was only known as a strange exotic producing little red balls which bore the enticing name of love-apples.

"At last we came into the main street. This is the same,—yet not the same. All the distances seemed less than as I had marked them in my memory. From the meeting-house to 'Squire Keeler's—which I thought to be a quarter of a mile—it is but thirty rods. At the same time the undulations seemed more frequent and abrupt. The old houses are mostly gone, and more sumptuous ones are in their place. A certain neatness and elegance have succeeded to the plain and primitive characteristics of other days.

"The street, on the whole, is one of the most beautiful I know of. It is more than a mile in length and a hundred and twenty feet in width, ornamented with two continuous lines of trees,—elms, sycamores, and sugar-maples,—save only here and there a brief interval. Some of these, in front of the more imposing houses, are truly majestic. The entire street is carpeted with a green sod soft as velvet to the feet. The highroad runs in the middle, with a footwalk on either side. These passages are not paved, but are covered with gravel, and so neatly cut that they appear like pleasure-grounds. All is so bright and so tasteful that you might expect to see some imperative sign-board warning you, on peril of the law, not to tread upon the grass. Yet, as I learned, all this embellishment flows spontaneously from the choice of the people, and not from police regulations.

"The general aspect of the street, however, let me observe, is not sumptuous, like Hartford and New Haven, or even Fairfield. There is still a certain quaintness and primness about the place. Here and there you see old respectable houses, showing the dim vestiges of ancient paint, while the contiguous gardens, groaning with rich fruits and vegetables, and the stately rows of elms in front, declare it to be taste, and not necessity, that thus cherishes the reverend hue of unsophisticated clapboards and the venerable rust with which time baptizes unprotected shingles. There is a stillness about the town which lends favor to this characteristic of studied rusticity. There is no fast driving, no shouting, no railroad whistle; for you must remember that the station of the Danbury and Norwalk line is three miles off. Few people are to be seen in the streets, and those who do appear move with an air of leisure and tranquillity. It would seem dull and almost melancholy were it not that all around is so thrifty, so tidy, so really comfortable. Houses, white or brown, with green window-blinds, and embowered in lilacs and fruit-trees, and seen beneath the arches of wide-spreading American elms,—the finest of the whole elm family,—can never be otherwise than cheerful.

"I went, of course, to the old Keeler tavern for lodgings. The sign was gone, and, though the house retained its ancient form, it was so neatly painted, and all around had such a look of repose, that I feared it had ceased from its ancient hospitalities. I, however, went to the door and rapped: it was locked. A bad sign, thought I. Ere long, however, a respectable dame appeared, turned the key, and let me in. It was Anne Keeler converted into Mrs. Ressequie. Had it been her mother, I should only have said that she had grown a little taller and more dignified; as it was, the idea crossed my mind,

"'Fanny was younger once than she is now!'

But it seems to me that her matronly graces fully compensated for all she might have lost of earlier pretensions. She looked at me gazingly, as if she half knew me. She was about inquiring my name, when I suggested that she might call me Smith, and begged her to tell me if she could give me lodgings. She replied that they did sometimes receive strangers, though they did not keep a tavern. I afterwards heard that the family was rich, and that it was courtesy more than cash which induced them to keep up the old habit of the place. I was kindly received, though at first as a stranger. After a short time I was found out, and welcomed as a friend. What fragrant butter, what white bread, what delicious succotash, they gave me! And as to the milk, it was just such as cows gave fifty years ago, and upon the slightest encouragement positively produced an envelope of golden cream. Alas! how cows have degenerated, especially in the great cities of the earth! In New York, London, or Paris, it is all the same. He who wishes to eat with a relish that the Astor House or Morley's or the Grand Hotel du Louvre cannot give should go to Ridgefield and put himself under the care of Mrs. Ressequie. If he be served, as I was, by her daughter,—a thing, however, that I cannot promise,—he may enjoy a lively and pleasant conversation while he discusses his meal. When you go there—as go you must—do not forget to order ham and eggs, for they are such as we ate in our childhood, not a mass of red leather steeped in grease and covered with a tough, bluish gum, as is now the fashion in these things. As to blackberry- and huckleberry-pies and similar good gifts, you will find them just such as our mother made fifty years ago, when these bounties of Providence were included in the prayer, 'Give us this day our daily bread,' and were a worthy answer to such a petition.

"Immediately after my arrival, waiting only to deposit my carpet-bag in my room, I set out to visit our house,—our former home. As I came near I saw that the footpath we had worn across Deacon Benedict's lot to shorten the distance from the street had given place to a highway. I entered this, and was approaching the object of my visit, when I was overtaken by a young man walking with a long stride.

"'Whose house is this on the hill?' said I.

"'It is mine,' was the reply.

"'Indeed! You must have a fine view from your upper windows?'

"'Yes, the view is famous, and the house itself is somewhat noted. It was built by Peter Parley, and here he lived many years.'

"By this time we had reached the place. The stranger, after I had looked at the premises a few moments said, 'Perhaps you would like to ascend the hill to the north, from which the view is very extensive?' I gave assent, and we went thither, soon finding ourselves in the old Keeler lot, on the top of High Ridge, so familiar to our youthful rambles. With all the vividness of my early recollections, I really had no adequate idea of the beauty of the scene as now presented to us. The circle of view was indeed less than I had imagined, for I once thought it immense, but the objects were more striking, more vividly tinted, more picturesquely disposed. Long Island Sound, which extends for sixty miles before the eye, except as it is hidden here and there by intercepting hills and trees, seems nearer than it did to the inexperienced vision of my childhood. I could distinguish the different kinds of vessels on the water and the island itself, stretched out in a long blue line beyond, presented its cloud-like tissues of forest, alternating with patches of yellow sandbanks along the shore. I could distinctly indicate the site of Norwalk, and the spires peering through the mass of trees to the eastward spoke suggestive of the beautiful towns and villages that line the northern banks of the Sound.

"West Mountain seemed nearer and less imposing than I had imagined, but the sea of mountains beyond, terminating in the Highlands of the Hudson, more than fulfilled my remembrances. The scene has no abrupt and startling grandeur from this point of view, but in that kind of beauty which consists in blending the peace and quietude of cultivated valleys with the sublimity of mountains—all in the enchantment of distance, and all mantled with the vivid hues of summer—it equals the fairest scenes in Italy. The deep-blue velvet which is thrown over our Northern landscapes differs, indeed, from the reddish purple of the Apennines, but it is in all things as poetic, as stimulating to the imagination, as available to the painter, as suggestive to the poet,—to all, indeed, who feel and appreciate the truly beautiful. As I gazed upon this lovely scene, how did the memories of early days come back clothed in the romance of childhood! I had then no idea of distance beyond these mountains, no conception of landscape beauty, no idea of picturesque sublimity, that surpassed what was familiar to me here. Indeed, all my first measures of grandeur and beauty in nature were formed upon these glorious models now before me. How often have I stood upon this mound at the approach of sunset and gazed in speechless wonder upon yonder mountains, glowing as they were in the flood of sapphire which

Samuel Dealing (?), Jr., & Elisabeth Ackley,	Feb. 4, 1798
Michael Deming & Martha Higgins,	Feb. 5, 1798
Amos Hubbard & Sabra Brainerd,	Feb. 20, 1798
John Tupper & Betsey Goff,	Feb. 22, 1798
Amasa Daniels, Jr., & Polly Shepard,	May, 15, 1798
Elias Young & Katy Wright,	May 16, 1798
Calvin Willey & Sally Brainerd,	Oct. 13, 1798
Jesse Higgins & Lucintha Smith,	Nov. 9, 1798
——— Holmes & ——— Smith of Eastbury,	March 3, 1799
Aaron House & Martha Purple,	May 9, 1799
Solon Ramsdell & Vienna Stocking,	July 7, 1799
Ebenezer Thomas, Jr., & Azuba Brainerd,	July 25, 1799
Joseph Crouch & Betsey Fuller,	Oct. 27, 1799
Levi Caswell & Asenath Hubbard,	Nov. 17, 1799
Isaac Hinckley & Sally Shepard,	Dec. 12, 1799

RIDGEFIELD.

FAIRFIELD COUNTY.

The town of Ridgefield was incorporated October, 1709. The township was purchased of the Indians by a company of twenty-nine individuals from Norwalk and Milford, 1707-8. The First Congregational Church was organized in 1712 and is located at Ridgefield Center. The Second Congregational Church is at Ridgebury and was organized January 18, 1769. The following are the marriages from the Second Church records. Rev. Samuel Camp pastor from 1769 to 1804.

Peter Castle, Jr., of Danbury & Rebecca Osborn of Ridgefield,	March 6, 1769
Matthew Northrop & Hannah Abbott,	Sept. 14, 1769
Ezekiel Osborn & Sarah Bennet, Ridgebury parish,	Nov. 16, 1769
James Lockwood of Noble Town & Mary Street,	Nov. 18, 1769
Samuel Northrop & Prewe Riggs,	Nov. 29, 1769
Abraham Rockwell & Esther Riggs,	Nov. 29, 1769
Daniel Keeler & Abigail Isaacs,	March 22, 1770
Jonathan Taylor & Any Benedict,	April 26, 1770
Aaron Hull & Abigail Whitlock,	Oct. 8, 1770
Ephrim Smith of Philippi & widow Elizabeth Hamblin,	April 25, 1771

Benjamin Jones of Philip's Patent & Elisabeth Rockwell,	June 27, 1771
Thomas Conclin of Salisbury & Anna Keeler,	Aug. 14, 1771
Theophilus Taylor, Jr., of Danbury & Rachel Northrop,	Dec. 4, 1771
Jeremiah Burchard & Phebe Abbot,	Feb., 1772
Nehemiah Keeler & Eleanor Rockwell,	June 15, 1772
Nathaniel Northrop of Ridgefield & Chloe Baldwin of Danbury,	Nov. 5, 1772
Timothy Foster & Desire Sears,	Nov. 19, 1772
Samuel Baldwin of Danbury & Hannah Northrop,	Dec. 9, 1772
Caleb Parmer of Philippi & Tamar Stevens,	Dec., 1772
Jeremiah Keeler of Upper Salem & Lydia Keeler,	March 2, 1773
Daniel Tuttle & Naomi Stevens,	Aug. 10, 1773
Stephen Sherwood of ——— & Ruth Benedict of Danbury, Ridgebury parish,	Aug. 11, 1773
Noah Starr & Sarah Keeler,	Aug. 11, 1773
Abijah Rockwell & Lydia Burchard,	Sept. 30, 1773
Ezekiel Hodge of the Nine Partners & Massah Foster,	Dec. 22, 1773
James Northrop, Jr., & Abiah Rockwell,	Jan. 26, 1774
Joseph Meeker of Redding & Hannah Street,	May 4, 1774
Bennajah Hoyt of Bethel & Abigail Starr,	July 7, 1774
Stephen Trusdale of the Little Nine Partners & Ruhama Keeler of Upper Salem,	Sept. 1, 1774
Benjamin Andrus, Jr., of Danbury & Sarah Starr,	Nov. 8, 1774
David Gates & Jerusha Whitney,	Dec. 22, 1774
John Wallace of Upper Salem & Esther Rockwell,	Jan. 3, 1775
Stephen Bennet, Jr., of Wilton, in Norwalk, & Mary Pulling,	Feb. 11, 1776
John Sherwood & Ann Rockwell,	April 17, 1776
Silvanus Sealy of Stanford, Canaan parish, & Esther Hyat,	July 2, 1776
Jachin Benedict of Bethel & widow Ann Starr,	Aug. 28, 1776

Thomas Hyat of Ridgefield First Society & Elizabeth Smith,	Sept. 11, 1776
Phineas Peck & Abigail Corban, both of Danbury,	Oct. 13, 1776
Daniel Whitlock of Wilton, in Norwalk, & Esther Whitney,	Jan. 1, 1777
Silas Pierce of Philip's Patent & Mary Whitney,	Feb. 27, 1777
Daniel Thomas & Eunice Foster,	Oct. 30, 1777
Arthur Forrester & Jemima Keeler,	Dec. 6, 1777
Timothy Weed & Sarah Silsbe,	Dec. 11, 1777
Elias Taylor of Danbury & Sarah Andrus,	Feb. 11, 1778
Jonathan Allebeen & Massah Bouton, both of Cortland's Manour,	Feb. 26, 1778
John Brown & Massah Bouton, both of Upper Salem,	Feb. 27, 1778
Ezekiel Bradley of Newburg & Martha Wood,	April 23, 1778
Jabez Rockwell of Danbury & Phebe Bedient of Wilton, residing in Ridgebury,	Oct. 11, 1778
Thaddeus Searl of Bedford & Hannah Keeler,	Dec. 18, 1778
Joseph Gray & Lydia Keeler,	April 1, 1779
Abram Pulling of Ridgebury & widow Susanna Wood of Ridgefield,	April 7, 1779
Noah Stone of Litchfield & Mary Gray,	May 25, 1779
Levi Shove of Danbury & Abigail Weed,	June 29, 1779
Leister Rooels of Kent & Phebe Scot,	1779
Stephen Northrop of Ridgebury & Elizabeth Hyat of Ridgefield,	Nov. 2, 1779
Nathan Benedict, Jr., of Danbury & Sarah Abbot,	Nov. 25, 1779
Barak Nickerson of Ridgebury & Rebecca Morehouse of Dutches County,	Dec. 14, 1779
David Rockwell, Jr., & Sarah Nickerson,	Dec. 28, 1779
Abner Smith & Bettsy Kniffen, both of Upper Salem,	Jan. 11, 1780
John Priest of Massachusetts State & Lucy Vickery,	Feb. 17, 1780
Gershom Jecocks & Abigail Smith, both of Upper Salem,	Feb. 22, 1780

Daniel Purdy of Cortlandt's Manour & Rebecca Rockwell of Upper Salem, March 23, 1780

Zalmon Taylor & Hannah Benedict, both of Danbury, Ridgebury parish, Oct. 26, 1780

Jonas Humans of Philip's Patent & Thankful Barber of Ridgebury, Dec. 31, 1780

Muajah Wicks, a refugee from Long Island, & Phebe Barber of Ridgebury, Jan. 30, 1781

Jonathan Conckling & Annis Smith of Upper Salem, March 15, 1781

Patrick Magee of Pittsfield & Naomi Vickery, Aug. 5, 1781

Uriah Burchard & Eunice Taylor, Oct. 16, 1781

David Rockwell, Jr., of Ridgebury parish & Susanna Wooden of Fredericksburgh, Oct. 16, 1781

Jonah Foster, Jr., & Rebecca St. John, No. 29, 1781

Gilbert Brush & Jenney Hunt, both of the State of New York, Dec. 13, 1781

Phinehas Doolittle & Sarah Benedict, March 7, 1782

Riah Nash & Esther Lynes , both of Ridgefield First Society, August 15, 1782

James Scot, Jr., & Lucretia Olmsted, both of Ridgefield First Society, Sept. 5, 1782

Josiah Rockwell of Ridgebury parish & Christiana Starr of Danbury, residing in Ridgebury, Sept. 9, 1782

Eleazar Taylor of Danbury & Hannah Starr, Nov. 7, 1782

Eleazar Curtiss of Kent & Eunice Starr, Nov. 7, 1782

John Chapman of Salem & Chloe Keeler, Nov. 27, 1782

James Abbot & Kate Weed, March 26, 1783

Jacob Lobdell of Cortlandt's Mannour & Bettee Whitney, Dec. 11, 1783

Abel Pulling & Sarah Whitlock, Dec. 31, 1783

Lieut. Thaddeus Keeler & Ruth Kieler, May 27, 1784

John Roods of Washington & Amy Smith, July 8, 1784

Jonathan Andrus & Dorcas Stebbens, July 18, 1784

Aaron Simmons & Polly Mitchel, both of Dutches County, N. Y., Nov. 3, 1784

Capt. Timothy Taylor & Elisabeth Cooke, both of Danbury, Dec. 12, 1784

Peleg Arnold & Bettee Norris, Jan. 9, 1785

Benjamin Fowler & Jane Forrester, Feb. 10, 1785

Timothy Nixon Ran & Abigail Peck of Danbury, April 3, 1785

Samuel St. John & Chloe Weed, April 6, 1785

Daniel Benedict of Danbury & Rhoda Benedict of Danbury and parish of Ridgebury, April 7, 1785

Nathan Hawley of Redding & Betty Sears, April 14, 1785

Jonathan Dykeman & Hannah Street, May 1, 1785

William Rockwell & Sarah Worden, June 16, 1785

David Lambert Deforest, from Danbury, & Sarah Crosby of Fredericksburgh, Sept. 15, 1785

John Howes & Anna Ball of Fredericksburgh, Sept. 15, 1785

Samuel Worden & Phebe Keeler, Oct. 13, 1785

Thomas Bayly & Mary Lobdell, both of Upper Salem, State of New York, Nov. 23, 1785

William Pulling & Jane Resen, Nov. 24, 1785

——— Lacy & Lurana Wilson, both of North Stratford, Nov. 24, 1785

Thomas Wildman of Danbury & Hannah Benedict of Danbury, Ridgebury parish, Dec. 25, 1785

Capt. Peter Sanford of Redding & Abigail Keeler, Jan. 1, 1786

Christopher Leach of Bethel & Mary Lockwood of Danbury, Ridgebury parish, May 8, 1786

George Loomis of Harwington & Deborah Steward of Wilton, resident in Ridgebury, Sept. 21, 1786

Matthew Beal of Fredericksburgh & Phebe Keeler, Nov. 2, 1786

Phinehas Smith of Canaan Parish & Abiah Keeler, Nov. 2, 1786

Isaac Townsend of Fredericksburgh & Mary Sears, Nov. 23, 1786

Benjamin Lynes of Redding & Sarah Coley, Nov. 23, 1786

John Bryant of Lanesborough & Betsy Townsend, Dec. 27, 1786

John Reed of Salisbury & Sarah Wyat of Salem, Feb. 2, 1787

Nathan Comstolk & Rachel Keeler, both of ye State of New York, Feb. 29, 1787

Eli Andrus of Danbury & Ruth Rockwell, Aug. 29, 1787

Isaac Rockwell, late of Ridgebury, & Phebe Hemsted of Upper Salem,	Oct. 25, 1787
Nathan Whitney & Hannah Taylor of Danbury, both of Ridgebury parish,	Dec. 16, 1787
Thomas Bouton of Danbury & Rebekah Coley,	Dec. 27, 1787
Timothy Keeler of Ridgefield & Urania Deforest of Danbury, both of Ridgebury parish,	Dec. 14, 1788
John Perry of Ridgefield, Ridgebury parish, & Elizabeth Corben of Danbury,	March 29, 1789
Stephen Brownson Benedict & Eunice Wildman, both of Danbury,	March 24, 1789
Joseph Rockwell of Ridgfield, Ridgebury, & Cloe Webb of Upper Salem, State of New York,	Oct. 22, 1789
Stephen Gates & Mary Abbot,	Nov. 22, 1789
John Weeks of Danbury & Abigail Street,	Feb. 3, 1790
Zadock St. John of Ballston & Hannah Wagstaff,	Feb. 11, 1790
John Norris & Rachel Northrop,	Oct. 20, 1790
Preserved Taylor of Redding & Susanna Keeler,	Nov. 10, 1790
Samuel Darling & Elisabeth Benedict,	Nov. 10, 1790
Runa Rockwell & Rachel Darling,	Nov. 11, 1790
Ezekiel Bradley & Abigail Pulling,	Jan. 30, 1791
Samuel Abiel Camp & Lemira Wilson,	May 26, 1791
Nathan Worden & Sarah Pulling,	June 12, 1791
Eliphalet Bennet & Hannah Mead,	June 16, 1791
Elias Thomas & Jane Forrester,	Feb. 13, 1794
Levi Taylor of Danbury & Rachel Gates,	Aug. 3, 1794
Matthew Northrop, Jr., & Hannah Kieler,	Oct. 16, 1794
Lemuel Price & Rebecca Baldwin, both of Danbury, Ridgebury parish,	Nov. 27, 1794
John Munson Olmsted & Abigail Foster,	Feb. 1, 1795
Eliphalet Brush, 2nd, of Ridgefield & Betty Burrit of Danbury, Ridgebury parish,	May 14, 1795
Joseph Allen of Fairfield & Phebe Seymour,	Nov. 8, 1795
Platt Benedict & Sally D. Forest, both of Danbury, Ridgebury parish,	Nov. 12, 1795
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Orange Starr of Danbury & Hannah Northrop,	Dec. 3, 1795
Hezekiah Raymond of Weston & Catharine Seymour,	Feb. 15, 1796
Matthew Smith & Abigail Benedict, (N. B.—This Abigail was from the State of New York.)	Feb. 25, 1796
Israel Stone of Litchfield & Abigail Gates,	June 23, 1796
Thomas Benedict & Dorcas Nickerson,	Aug. 25, 1796
Caleb Rockwell & Olive Porter,	Oct. 30, 1796
Samuel Smith Baldwin of Danbury & Sarah Camp,	Nov. 10, 1796
John Starr Benedict of Danbury & Patty Stebbens,	Nov. 20, 1796
Ambross Millard of Milton & Betty Bennet,	Jan. 18, 1797
Abijah Hyat & Clarissa Hayes,	April 27, 1797
William Dan, 2nd, of Southeast & Ruth Keeler,	May 25, 1797
Deacon ——— Bracket of Wolcott & Eunice Combs of Danbury,	June 20, 1797
Rufus Clark, resident of Hartford, & Sally Glover of Danbury,	Oct. 9, 1797
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Thomas Baxter, Jr., of North Salem, N. Y., & Sarah Wildman of Danbury,	Feb. 4, 1798
Daniel Andrus of Winchester & Sarah Platt,	Sept. 10, 1798
Najah Wildman of Danbury & Rebecca DeForest of Danbury, Ridgebury Society,	Nov. 11, 1798
Noah Smith & Rachel St. John,	Nov. 12, 1798
Trowbridge Benedict of Danbury & Sarah Weed,	Nov. 13, 1798
Timothy Weed, Jr., & Olive St. John,	Dec. 25, 1798
Martin Hays of Granby & Mary Camp, 2nd,	Dec. 25, 1798
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Henry, m. Nancy **ADAMS**, Nov. 29, 1832, by Edwin Hall	1	16
James*, m. Esther **ARCHER**, b. of Norwalk, Nov. 9, 1823, by Seth Taylor, J.P. *("James **BARNES**" in copy)	1	6
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Benjamin, m. Susan **JELLIFF**, b. of Norwalk, Nov. 9, 1834, by Rev. Noble W. Thomas	1	18
Benj[amin] L., hatter, ae 25 & w. Mary, ae 21, had child b. Mar. 21, 1848	1	39
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Jane, m. Francis **SMITH**, b. of Norwalk, Jan. 20, 1847, by Ira Abbott	1	33
Joseph, m. Laura **JELLIFF**, b. of Norwalk, Oct. 11, 1821, by Sylvester Eaton	1	2
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Fairfield County
Connecticut

Fairfield County information:

- Population (1990): **827645**; land area **626** square miles.
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Politicians who were born in Fairfield County

- **Bridgeport:** Robert Augustine Hurley 1895 Albert L. Coles 1909 J. Edward Caldwell 1929 Paul Martin Tymniak 1945
- **Danbury:** John Hubbard Tweedy 1814
- **Darien:** Ethan A. Brown 1776 Alfred Noroton Phillips 1894
- **Fairfield:** John Sloss Hobart 1738 Joel Abbot 1776 T. F. Gilroy Daly 1931
- **Greenwich:** Kathleen Kennedy Townsend 1951
- **Hawleyville:** John Baldwin Hawley 1831
- **Newtown:** Cyrus Beers 1786 Isaac Toucey 1792 Luzon Burritt Morris 1827
- **Norwalk:** Thaddeus Betts 1789 George Ogilvie Belden 1797 James O'Donnell 1840 James O'Brien McMahon 1903
- **Redding:** Joel Barlow 1754 Stephen Barlow 1779 Dudley Sanford Gregory 1800
- **Ridgefield:** Henry George Stebbins 1811 Jeremiah Donovan 1857
- **Sherman:** Marsh Giddings 1816
- **South Norwalk:** Nelson Taylor 1821
- **Stamford:** John Davenport 1752 James Davenport 1758 Peter H. Dominick 1915 Joseph I. Lieberman 1942 Christopher Shays 1945
- **Stanwich:** Ezra Ferris 1783
- **Stratford:** William Samuel Johnson 1727 Andrew Adams 1736 Debby P. Sanderson 1941
- **Stratford (now Bridgeport):** Joseph Platt Cooke 1730
- **Weston:** Samuel Burr Sherwood 1767
- **Westport:** Bradford Ripley Wood 1800
- *See also* Conn. birthplaces not assigned to counties.

Politicians who lived in Fairfield County

- **Bridgeport:** Albert L. Coles - John Held, Jr. - Newman Marsilius - Dwight Morris - James Coughlin Shannon - Clifford B. Wilson
- **Brookfield:** A. Searle Pinney
- **Danbury:** Roger Averill - T. Clark Hull - John P. Previdi - John G. Rowland
- **Fairfield:** Gideon Tomlinson - Paul Martin Tymniak
- **Greenwich:** Richard Blumethal - Prescott Sheldon Bush - J. William Middendorf II - Albert Paul Morano - Gordon W. Reed - Caroline Ruutz-Rees - James F. Walsh
- **Norwalk:** Thaddeus Betts - Ebenezer J. Hill - Frederick L. Lamson - John H. Light - James O'Brien McMahon - Abner Woodruff Sibal - Levi Warner
- **Ridgefield:** Harvey P. Bissell
- **Sherman:** Henry Sherwood

- **South Norwalk:** Paul R. Connery - Nelson Taylor
- **Southport:** D. Verner Smythe
- **Stamford:** Homer S. Cummings - Schuyler Merritt - Albert Phillips - Babette Ransohoff - Christopher Shays - William Edwards Stevenson
- **Stratford:** Mary Coughlin
- **Westport:** John Davis Lodge - Stewart B. McKinney - Frederick M. Salmon
- *See also* Conn. areas not assigned to counties.

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- **Bridgeport:** Pierpont Edwards 1826 William Darius Bishop 1904 Robert Elliott DeForest 1924 Vincent R. Impellitteri 1987
- **Danbury:** Joseph Platt Cooke 1816 Henry A. Wallace 1965 T. Clark Hull 1996
- **Darien:** Ralph E. Van Nostrand 1995
- **Fairfield:** Raymond Earl Baldwin 1986
- **Greenwich:** Albert Elmer Austin 1942 Edward Reilly Stettinius, Jr. 1949 Townsend Scudder 1960 Albert Paul Morano 1987 Florence D. Finney 1994 Paul Martin Tymniak 1999
- **New Canaan:** Chase Going Woodhouse 1984
- **Newtown:** William Edmond 1838
- **Norwalk:** Jeremiah Donovan 1935
- **South Norwalk:** Nelson Taylor 1894
- **Stamford:** Truman Smith 1884 Jacob Drennan Early 1919 Alfred Noroton Phillips 1970
- **Stratford:** William Samuel Johnson 1819

Cemeteries and Memorial Sites of Politicians in Fairfield County

- **Bridgeport** Mountain Grove Cemetery
- **Danbury** North Main Street Cemetery
- **Danbury** Wooster Cemetery
- **Fairfield** Old Burying Ground
- **Fairfield** Old Congregational Cemetery
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- **Greenwich** St. Mary's Cemetery
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- **Norwalk** Norwalk Cemetery
- **Norwalk** Norwalk Union Cemetery
- **Norwalk** Riverside Cemetery
- **Norwalk** St. John's Cemetery
- **Norwalk** St. Mary's Cemetery
- **Norwalk** Union Cemetery
- **Redding** Great Pasture Road Cemetery
- **Ridgefield** Ridgefield Cemetery
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- **Stratford** Episcopal Cemetery
- **Weston** Emmanuel Church Cemetery
- **Westport** Evergreen Cemetery
- **Wilton** St. Matthew's Cemetery

Mountain Grove Cemetery
Bridgeport (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Samuel Simons (1792-1847)** Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1843-45. Interment at Mountain Grove Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Robert Elliott DeForest (1845-1924)** Born in Guilford, Conn., February 20, 1845. Common pleas court judge, 1874-77; mayor of Bridgeport, Conn., 1878, 1889-90; member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1880; member of Connecticut state senate, 1882; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1891-95. Died in Bridgeport, Conn., October 1, 1924. Interment at Mountain Grove Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **William Darius Bishop (1827-1904)** Born in Bloomfield, N.J., September 14, 1827. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1857-59; defeated, 1858; member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1866, 1871; member of Connecticut state senate, 1877-78. Died in Bridgeport, Conn., February 4, 1904. Interment at Mountain Grove Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

North Main Street Cemetery
Danbury (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Joseph Platt Cooke (1730-1816)** Born in Stratford (now Bridgeport), Conn., January 4, 1730. Colonel in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; probate judge, 1776-1813; member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1776, 1778, 1780-82, 1784; Delegate to Continental Congress from Connecticut; member of Connecticut State Council, 1808. Died in Danbury, Conn., February 3, 1816. Interment at North Main Street Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Wooster Cemetery
Danbury (Fairfield County), Connecticut
Location maps, from U.S. Census Tiger Map Server:

- Regional map
- Neighborhood map

Politicians buried here:

- **Samuel Tweedy (1776-1868)** Born in New York. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S.

Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1833-35. Interment at Wooster Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

- **Zalmon Wildman (1775-1835)** Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1835. Interment at Wooster Cemetery; cenotaph at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **John Hubbard Tweedy (1814-1891)** Born in Danbury, Conn., November 9, 1814. member Wisconsin territorial council, 1842; delegate to Wisconsin state constitutional convention, 1846; Delegate to U.S. Congress from Wisconsin Territory, 1847-48; Whig candidate for Governor of Wisconsin, 1848; member of Wisconsin state assembly, 1853. Died in Milwaukee, Wis., November 12, 1891. Interment at Wooster Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Francis Emanuel Shober (1860-1919)** Son of Francis Edwin Shober. Born in North Carolina. U.S. Representative from New York 17th District, 1903-05. Interment at Wooster Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Old Burying Ground
Fairfield (Fairfield County), Connecticut
Location maps, from U.S. Census Tiger Map Server:

- Regional map
- Neighborhood map

Politicians buried here:

- **Jonathan Sturges (1740-1819)** Father of Lewis Burr Sturges. Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature, 1772; state court judge, 1773; Delegate to Continental Congress from Connecticut, 1774; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1789-93; justice of Connecticut state supreme court, 1793. Interment at Old Burying Ground. (See also his congressional biography.)

Old Congregational Cemetery
Fairfield (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Gideon Tomlinson (1780-1854)** of Fairfield, Conn. Born in Connecticut, December 31, 1780. Member of Connecticut state legislature, 1817; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1819-27; Governor of Connecticut, 1827-31; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1831-37. Died October 8, 1854. Interment at Old Congregational Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Putnam Cemetery
Greenwich (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Prescott Sheldon Bush (1895-1972)** of Greenwich, Conn. Father of George Bush; grandfather of George Walker Bush and Jeb Bush. Born in Columbus, Ohio, May 15, 1895. Served in the U.S.

Army during World War I; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1952-63; alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from Connecticut, 1964. Died in New York City, N.Y., October 8, 1972. Interment at Putnam Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

- **Townsend Scudder (1865-1960)** Nephew of Henry Joel Scudder. Born in Northport, Long Island, N.Y., July 26, 1865. U.S. Representative from New York 1st District, 1899-1901, 1903-05; state court judge, 1907-20, 1927-36. Died in Greenwich, Conn., February 22, 1960. Interment at Putnam Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Greenwich (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **William Ryan (1840-1925)** of Port Chester, N.Y. Born in Tipperary, Ireland, March 8, 1840. Member of New York state assembly, 1891-92; U.S. Representative from New York 16th District, 1893-95; defeated, 1894. Died in Crescent City, Fla., February 18, 1925. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Albert Paul Morano (1908-1987)** of Greenwich, Conn. Born in Paterson, N.J., January 18, 1908. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1951-59. Died in Greenwich, Conn., December 16, 1987. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **William Laurence Tierney (1876-1958)** Born in Connecticut. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1931-33. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Newtown Cemetery
Newtown (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **William Edmond (1755-1838)** Born in Woodbury, Conn., September 28, 1755. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1797-1801; state court judge. Died in Newtown, Conn., August 1, 1838. Interment at Newtown Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Norwalk Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Orris Sanford Ferry (1823-1875)** Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature; state court judge; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1859-61; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1867-75. Interment at Norwalk Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Thomas Belden Butler (1806-1873)** Born in Wethersfield, Conn., August 22, 1806. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1832; member of Connecticut state senate, 1847; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1849-51; state court judge, 1855; justice of Connecticut state supreme court, 1861. Died June 8, 1873. Interment at Norwalk Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

CHRISTINE KEELER, 86, died Wednesday at Parkview Hospital. Born in Tyrone, Pa., she was a homemaker. Surviving are her husband, Donald W.; a daughter, Paula R. Baeske of Fort Wayne; and a grandchild. **No services or calling.** Burial in Covington Memorial Gardens. Memorials to American Cancer Society. Arrangements by Covington Memorial Funeral Home, 8408 Covington Road.

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Norwalk Union Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Clark Bissell (1782-1857)** Born September 7, 1782. Governor of Connecticut, 1847-49. Died September 15, 1857. Interment at Norwalk Union Cemetery.

Riverside Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Ebenezer J. Hill (1845-1917)** of Norwalk, Conn. Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1895-1913, 1915-17. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Levi Warner (1831-1911)** of Norwalk, Conn. Brother of Samuel Larkin Warner. Born in Connecticut. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1876-79. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Le Roy Donnelly Downs (1900-1970)** Born in Connecticut. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1941-43. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

St. John's Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Jeremiah Donovan (1857-1935)** Born in Ridgefield, Conn., October 18, 1857. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1903-04; member of Connecticut state senate, 1905-09; U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1913-15; defeated, 1914; mayor of Norwalk, Conn., 1917-21. Died in Norwalk, Conn., April 22, 1935. Interment at St. John's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

St. Mary's Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **James O'Brien 'Brien' McMahon (1903-1952)** of Norwalk, Conn. Born in Norwalk, Conn., October 6, 1903. U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1945-52. Died in Washington, D.C., July 28, 1952. Interment at St. Mary's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Union Cemetery
Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Thaddeus Betts (1789-1840)** of Norwalk, Conn. Born in Norwalk, Conn., February 4, 1789. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1815, 1830; member of Connecticut state senate, 1831; Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, 1832-33, 1834-35; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1839-40. Died in Washington, D.C., April 7, 1840. Interment at Union Cemetery; cenotaph at Congressional Cemetery, Washington, D.C. (See also his congressional biography.)

Great Pasture Road Cemetery
Redding (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Other politicians who have monuments here:

- **Joel Barlow (1754-1812)** of Hartford, Conn. Born in Redding, Conn., March 24, 1754. Writer; poet; U.S. Minister to France, 1811-12. Died, of pneumonia, in Zarnowiec, Poland, December 24, 1812. Interment at Churchyard, Zarnowiec, Poland; cenotaph at Great Pasture Road Cemetery.

Ridgefield Cemetery
Ridgefield (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **George Edward Lounsbury (1838-1904)** Brother of Phineas Chapman Lounsbury. Born May 7, 1838. Governor of Connecticut, 1899-1901. Died August 16, 1904. Interment at Ridgefield Cemetery.
- **Phineas Chapman Lounsbury (1841-1925)** Brother of George Edward Lounsbury. Born January 10, 1841. Governor of Connecticut, 1887-89. Died June 22, 1925. Interment at Ridgefield Cemetery.
- **Philip Burr Bradley** Colonel in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War; member of Connecticut state legislature. Interment at Ridgefield Cemetery.

Riverside Cemetery
South Norwalk (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Nelson Taylor (1821-1894)** of Stockton, Calif.; New York, N.Y.; South Norwalk, Conn. Born in South Norwalk, Conn., June 8, 1821. Served in the U.S. Army during the Mexican War; member of California state senate, 1850-56; general in the Union Army during the Civil War; U.S. Representative from New York 5th District, 1865-67; defeated, 1860, 1866. Died in South Norwalk, Conn., January 16, 1894. Interment at Riverside Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Franklin Street Cemetery
Stamford (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **John Davenport (1752-1830)** Brother of James Davenport. Born in Stamford, Conn., January 16, 1752. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1776; U.S. Representative from Connecticut, 1799-1817 (at-large 1799-1805, 2nd District 1805-07, at-large 1807-09, 3rd District 1809-11, at-large 1811-17). Died November 28, 1830. Interment at Franklin Street Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **James Davenport (1758-1797)** Brother of John Davenport. Born in Stamford, Conn., October 12, 1758. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1785; member of Connecticut state senate, 1790; state court judge, 1792; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1796-97. Died August 3, 1797. Interment at Franklin Street Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

St. John's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery
Stamford (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **James Stevens (1768-1835)** Born in Connecticut. Member of Connecticut state legislature; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1819-21; state court judge. Interment at St. John's and St. Andrew's Episcopal Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Woodland Cemetery
Stamford (Fairfield County), Connecticut
Location maps, from U.S. Census Tiger Map Server:

- Regional map
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Politicians buried here:

- **Homer (Stillé) Cummings (1870-1956)** of Stamford, Conn.; Washington, D.C. Born in Chicago, Ill., April 30, 1870. Delegate to Democratic National Convention from Connecticut, 1900, 1904, 1924, 1932, 1936, 1940, 1944; member of Democratic National Committee from Connecticut, 1900-25; Chairman of Democratic National Committee, 1919-20; mayor of Stamford, Conn., 1900-02, 1904-06; Democratic candidate for U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1902; Democratic candidate for U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1916; candidate for Democratic nomination for President, 1920; U.S. Attorney General, 1933-39; Presidential Elector from Connecticut, 1940, 1944. Died September 10, 1956. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.
- **Truman Smith (1791-1884)** Nephew of Nathaniel Smith and Nathan Smith. Born in Roxbury, Conn., November 27, 1791. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1831; U.S. Representative from Connecticut, 1839-43, 1845-49 (5th District 1839-43, 4th District 1845-49); U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1849-54; federal judge, 1862. Died in Stamford, Conn., May 3, 1884. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **William Thomas Minor (1815-1889)** Born October 3, 1815. Governor of Connecticut, 1855-57. Died October 13, 1889. Interment at Woodland Cemetery.
- **Schuyler Merritt (1853-1953)** of Stamford, Conn. Born in New York, December 16, 1853. U.S. Representative from Connecticut 4th District, 1917-31, 1933-37. Died April 1, 1953. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

- **Samuel Clement Fessenden (1815-1882)** Brother of William Pitt Fessenden and Thomas Amory Deblois Fessenden. Born in Maine. Candidate for Governor of Maine, 1846, 1847, 1848; U.S. Representative from Maine 3rd District, 1861-63. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)
- **Stewart (Lyndon) Woodford (1835-1913)** of Brooklyn, N.Y. Born in New York, N.Y., September 3, 1835. General in the Union Army during the Civil War; Lieutenant Governor of New York, 1867-68; candidate for Governor of New York, 1870; U.S. Representative from New York 3rd District, 1873-74; U.S. District Attorney for the Southern District of New York, 1877-83; alternate delegate to Republican National Convention from New York, 1880; U.S. Minister to Spain, 1897-98. Died in New York City, N.Y., February 14, 1913. Interment at Woodland Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Congregational Burying Ground
Stratford (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **David Plant (1783-1851)** Born in Connecticut. Lieutenant Governor of Connecticut, 1823-27; state court judge; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1827-29. Interment at Congregational Burying Ground. (See also his congressional biography.)

Episcopal Cemetery
Stratford (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **William Samuel Johnson (1727-1819)** Born in Stratford, Conn., October 7, 1727. Delegate to Continental Congress from Connecticut, 1784-87; member, U.S. Constitutional Convention, 1787; U.S. Senator from Connecticut, 1789-91. Died in Stratford, Conn., November 14, 1819. Interment at Episcopal Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

Emmanuel Church Cemetery
Weston (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **John Marshall Harlan (1899-1971)** Born in Chicago, Ill., May 20, 1899. Served in the U.S. Army Air Force in World War II; Judge of U.S. Court of Appeals for the 2nd Circuit, 1954-55; Justice of U.S. Supreme Court, 1955-71. Died in Washington, D.C., December 29, 1971. Interment at Emmanuel Church Cemetery.

Evergreen Cemetery
Westport (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Samuel Burr Sherwood (1767-1833)** Born in Weston, Conn., November 26, 1767. Member of Connecticut state house of representatives, 1809; member of Connecticut state senate, 1816; U.S. Representative from Connecticut at-large, 1817-19. Died April 27, 1833. Interment at Evergreen Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

St. Matthew's Cemetery
Wilton (Fairfield County), Connecticut

Politicians buried here:

- **Lindley Hoag Hadley (1861-1948)** Born near Sylvania, Ind., June 19, 1861. U.S. Representative from Washington 2nd District, 1915-33; defeated, 1932. Died in Wallingford, Conn., November 4, 1948. Interment at St. Matthew's Cemetery. (See also his congressional biography.)

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Jacob Keeler	3 - 0 - 7
Lewis Delavan	1 - 1 - 1
Timothy Delavan	1 - 0 - 1
James Brown	2 - 0 - 3 8 slaves
Jonathan Brown	1 - 1 - 3
Jacob Brown	1 - 0 - 1
John Brown	1 - 0 - 3
Samuel Brown	3 - 1 - 4
David Smith	1 - 1 - 4
Stephen Townsend	2 - 1 - 3
Benjamin Wood	1 - 0 - 3
Nathaniel Keeler	2 - 0 - 2
Jeremiah Keeler	3 - 3 - 4
Nathan Delavan	1 - 3 - 3
Ebenezer Brown	1 - 1 - 1
James Finch	1 - 0 - 1
John Finch	1 - 1 - 3
Abraham Lockwood	2 - 2 - 3
Nathan Smith	2 - 0 - 2
Abel Smith	2 - 0 - 1
Mary Smith	0 - 1 - 2
David King	1 - 4 - 4
Elihu Townsend	1 - 2 - 1
Thomas Smith	2 - 3 - 3
John Brown, Jr.	1 - 0 - 2

Pelham Town

Jonathan Brown	1 - 2 - 3

Poundridge Town

Moses Lockwood	2 - 0 - 2
Samuel Travis	
William Brown	1 - 2 - 3 1 slave

Salem Town

Israel Wood	1 - 0 - 6
Azariah Wood	2 - 1 - 1
Nathaniel Smith	2 - 1 - 1
David Brown	2 - 0 - 1 1 free person 2 slaves
Benjamin Smith	1 - 0 - 2
Doctor Smith	1 - 2 - 2
Solomon Smith	1 - 2 - 1
James Finch	1 - 3 - 3
Job Smith	2 - 4 - 4
David Keeler	4 - 2 - 3
Ebenezer Wood	3 - 0 - 3
Abijah Smith	1 - 5 - 1
Daniel Beers	1 - 3 - 4
Edmund Beers	1 - 1 - 2
Matthew Seymour	1 - 0 - 2
Jesse Seymour	1 - 5 - 5
William J. Brown	3 - 2 - 5
Michael Lockwood	2 - 1 - 3
Jared Wood	1 - 3 - 2
Jacob Wood, Sr.	1 - 0 - 1
Jacob Wood, Jr.	1 - 1 - 1
Jeremiah Keeler, Sr.	4 - 0 - 2
Samuel Lockwood	1 - 1 - 3
Matthew Smith	1 - 1 - 7
Jeremiah Keeler, Jr.	1 - 1 - 3
William Wood	1 - 1 - 2
Seth Finch	1 - 2 - 2
Obadiah Keeler	2 - 0 - 4
Joanna Brown	0 - 0 - 2 2 slaves
Daniel Lockwood	2 - 3 - 4
Jonathan Keeler	1 - 0 - 1

Scarsdale Town

Thomas Cornell	2 - 1 - 4 6 slaves

Benjamin Cornell	2 - 4 - 8 1 other person
John Cornell	2 - 1 - 4 1 slave

Stephen Town

Richard Smith	1 - 2 - 3
Jeremiah Odell	
Abraham Odell	
John Brown	1 - 1 - 2
Isaac Brown	1 - 0 - 3
Nathan Brown	2 - 3 - 2 6 slaves
James Brown	1 - 0 - 2
Luey Brown	2 - 2 - 2
Hakaliah Brown	1 - 3 - 4 4 slaves
Stephen Brown	1 - 0 - 2
Abraham Brown	4 - 2 - 5 1 slave
Andrew Brown	3 - 2 - 1 3 slaves
John Moore	1 - 2 - 3

Westchester Town

Oliver DeLancey, Esq.	4 - 1 - 2 1 other person 6 slaves
Warren DeLancey, Esq.	1 - 0 - 2 2 other persons 5 slaves

1800 New York, Westchester County

Aaron Keeler	155	Westchester	20010-00101-00
Aaron Keeler, Jr.	156	Westchester	20010-30010-00
Fenias Keeler	123	Westchester	00010-10010-00
Jeremiah Keeler	153	Westchester	20010-22010-00
Jeremiah Keeler	126	Westchester	02101-11001-00
Jeremiah Keeler	131	Westchester	10101-00001-00
Jeremiah Keeler, Jr.	153	Westchester	00101-00010-00
Jessee Keeler	126	Westchester	00100-00100-00
Obadiah Keeler	153	Westchester	20001-21010-00

1810 New York, Westchester County

Aron Keeler	202	Westchester	20201-33
Jeremiah Keeler	202	Westchester	30101-01
Jeremiah Keeler, Jr.	202	Westchester	10111-10
Jesse Keeler	202	Westchester	00110-40
Nathan Keeler	199	Westchester	00100-11
Walter Keeler	211	Westchester	21010-00

1800 New York Census, Simpson

Alexander Simpson	540	Cayusa County	
Alexander Simpson	540	Cayusa County	
Alexander Simpson	428	Washington County	
Anthony Simpson	542	Cayusa County	
Bethiah Simpson	101	Dutchess County	
Caleb Simpson	10	Dutchess County	
Charles Simpson	10	Albany County	
David Simpson	363	Washington County	
George Simpson	823	New York County	or 623
Hagar Simpson	696	New York County	
Henry Simpson	120	Dutchess County	
Isaac Simpson	10	Dutchess County	21010-01110-00
James Simpson	305	Orange County	
James Simpson	107	~~Dutchess~~ County	
James Simpson	688	Cayusa County	
James Simpson	846	New York County	
James Simpson	1266	Columbia County	
~~James Simpson~~	211	~~Oneida~~ County	
James Simpson	34	Saratoga County	
John Simpson	~~509~~	~~Herkimer~~ County	
John Simpson	392	Washington County	
John Simpson	540	~~Cayuga~~ County	
John Simpson	134	Westchester County	
John Simpson	239	Ulster County	
John Simpson	458	Montgomery County	

John Simpson	186	Ulster County
John Simpson	130	Westchester County
John Simpson	630	New York County
John Simpson, Jr.	540	Cayuga County
Joseph Simpson	115	Dutchess County
Joseph Simpson	068	Clinton County
Mathew Simpson	550	Cayusa County
Peter Simpson	1214	Columbia County
Peter Simpson	309	Orange County
Peter Simpson	156	Ulster County
Peter Simpson	430	Herkimer County
Richard Simpson	572	New York County
Robert Simpson	102	Dutchess County
Robert Simpson	351	Washington County
Samuel Simpson	540	Cayuga County
Thomas Simpson	58	Albany County
Thomas Simpson	257	Ulster County
William Simpson	240	Ulster County
William Simpson	905	New York County
Alexander Simpson, Jr.	423	Washington County
George Simpson	493	Washington County
-a—ius Simpsons	476	Montgomery County
Daniel Simpsons	476	Montgomery County
Ja---is Simpsons	478	Montgomery County

SELECTED IMPORTANT DATES IN CONNECTICUT'S HISTORY

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1614--Adriaen Block, representing the Dutch, sails up the Connecticut River.
1633--The Dutch erect a fort, the House of (Good) Hope, on the future site of Hartford.
1633--John Oldham and others explore and trade along the Connecticut River. Plymouth Colony sends William Holmes to found a trading post at Windsor.
1634--Wethersfield founded by people from Massachusetts.
1635--First English settlers in Windsor arrive in summer.
1635--Fort erected at Saybrook by Lion Gardiner.
1635--Group from Dorchester, Massachusetts join Windsor settlement.
1636--Thomas Hooker and company journey from Newtown (Cambridge), Massachusetts to found Hartford.
1637--Pequot War. Captain John Mason leads colonists to decisive victory.
1638--New Haven Colony established by John Davenport and Theophilus Eaton.
1639--Fundamental Orders of Connecticut adopted by Freemen of Hartford, Wethersfield and Windsor; John Haynes chosen first Governor.
1643--Connecticut joins in forming the New England Confederation.
1646--New London founded by John Winthrop, Jr.
1650--Code of laws drawn up by Roger Ludlow and adopted by legislature.
1662--John Winthrop, Jr. obtains a charter for Connecticut.
1665--Union of New Haven and Connecticut Colonies completed.
1665--The first division of any Connecticut town--Lyme's separation from Saybrook.
1675-76--Connecticut participates in King Philip's War which was fought in Rhode Island and Massachusetts.
1687--Andros assumes rule over Connecticut; Charter Oak episode occurs.
1689--Connecticut resumes government under charter.
1701--Collegiate School authorized by General Assembly.
1708--Saybrook Platform permits churches to join regional consociations.
1717--New Haven State House erected on the Green.
1717--Collegiate School moves to New Haven; called Yale the next year.
1740--Manufacture of tinware begun at Berlin by Edward and William Pattison.
1740's--Height of religious "Great Awakening".
1745--Connecticut troops under Roger Wolcott help capture Louisburg.
1755--Connecticut Gazette of New Haven, the Colony's first newspaper, printed by James Parker at New Haven.
1763--Brick State House erected on New Haven Green.
1764--*Connecticut Courant,* the oldest American newspaper in continuous existence to the present, launched at Hartford by Thomas Green.
1765--Sharp opposition to Stamp Act.
1766--Governor Thomas Fitch who refused to reject the Stamp Act defeated by William Pitkin.
1767--Thomas and Samuel Green launch newspaper which after many changes becomes New Haven *Journal-Courier.*
1774--Connecticut officially extends jurisdiction over Susquehanna Company area in Northern Pennsylvania.
1774--Silas Deane, Eliphalet Dyer, and Roger Sherman represent Connecticut at First Continental Congress.
1775--Several thousand militia rush to Massachusetts in "Lexington Alarm."
1775--Connecticut men help plan and carry out seizure of Ft. Ticonderoga.
1775--First gun powder mill in Connecticut started in East Hartford.
1776--Samuel Huntington, Roger Sherman, William Williams and Oliver Wolcott sign the Declaration of Independence; large majority of Connecticut people under Governor Jonathan Trumbull support the Declaration.
1777--British troops under General Tryon raid Danbury.

1779--British troops under General Tryon raid New Haven, Fairfield and Norwalk.
1781--Benedict Arnold's attack upon New London and Groton involves massacre at Ft. Griswold.
1781--Washington and Rochambeau confer at Webb House in Wethersfield.
1783--Meeting of 10 Anglican clergy at Glebe House, Woodbury, leads to consecration of Bishop Samuel Seabury and beginning of Protestant Episcopal Church in United States.
1784--Tapping Reeve established the first law school in the United States in Litchfield.
1784--Earliest Connecticut cities incorporated--Hartford, Middletown, New Haven, New London and Norwich.
1784--Governor Trumbull retires from governorship.
1784--Connecticut relinquishes Westmoreland area to Pennsylvania.
1784--Act passed providing for emancipation at age of twenty-five of all Negroes born after March 1784.
1785--First Register and Manual published.
1787--Oliver Ellsworth, William Samuel Johnson and Roger Sherman serve as Connecticut's representatives at Philadelphia Constitutional Convention.
1788--Convention at Hartford approves Federal Constitution by 128-40 vote.
1789--Oliver Ellsworth and William Samuel Johnson begin service as first United States Senators from Connecticut.
1792--First turnpike road company, New London to Norwich, incorporated.
1792--First banks established at Hartford, New London and New Haven.
1793-96--Old State House, Hartford, erected; designed by Charles Bulfinch.
1795--Connecticut Western Reserve lands (now Northeastern Ohio) sold for $1,200,000 and the proceeds were used to establish the School Fund.
1795--First insurance company incorporated as the Mutual Assurance Company of the City of Norwich.
1796--Thomas Hubbard starts *Courier* at Norwich. In 1860 paper merges with the *Morning Bulletin* and continues as Norwich *Bulletin* to present.
1799--Eli Whitney procures his first Federal musket contract; within next decade develops a system of interchangable parts, applicable to industries.
1802--Brass industry begun at Waterbury by Abel Porter and associates.
1806--First important English dictionary in United States published by Noah Webster.
1810--Hartford Fire Insurance Company incorporated.
1812--Joseph Barber starts *Columbian Register* at New Haven. In 1911 combined with New Haven *Register* and continues as *Register* to present.
1812-14--War of 1812 unpopular in Connecticut; new manufactures, especially textiles, boom.
1814--Hartford Convention held in Old State House.
1815--First steamboat voyage up the Connecticut River to Hartford.
1817--Federalists defeated by reformers in political revolution.
1817--Thomas Gallaudet found school for the deaf in Hartford.
1817--Hartford *Times* founded by Frederick D. Bolles and John M. Niles.
1818--New Constitution adopted by convention in Hartford and approved by voters; ends system of established church.
1820--Captain Nathaniel Palmer of Stonington discovers the continent of Antarctica.
1822--Captain John Davis of New Haven becomes first man to set foot on the Antarctic Continent.
1823--Washington College (now Trinity) founded in Hartford.
1827--"New" State House erected in New Haven; Ithiel Town, architect.
1828--Farmington Canal opened.
1831--Wesleyan University founded in Middletown.
1831--Mutual Insurance Company of Hartford founded.
1832--First Connecticut railroad incorporated as the Boston, Norwich and New London.
1835--Revolver patented by Colt.
1835--Music Vale Seminary, first American music school, founded at Salem by Oramel Whittlesey.
1838--Railroad completed between New Haven and Hartford.
1839-41--The *Amistad* affair.

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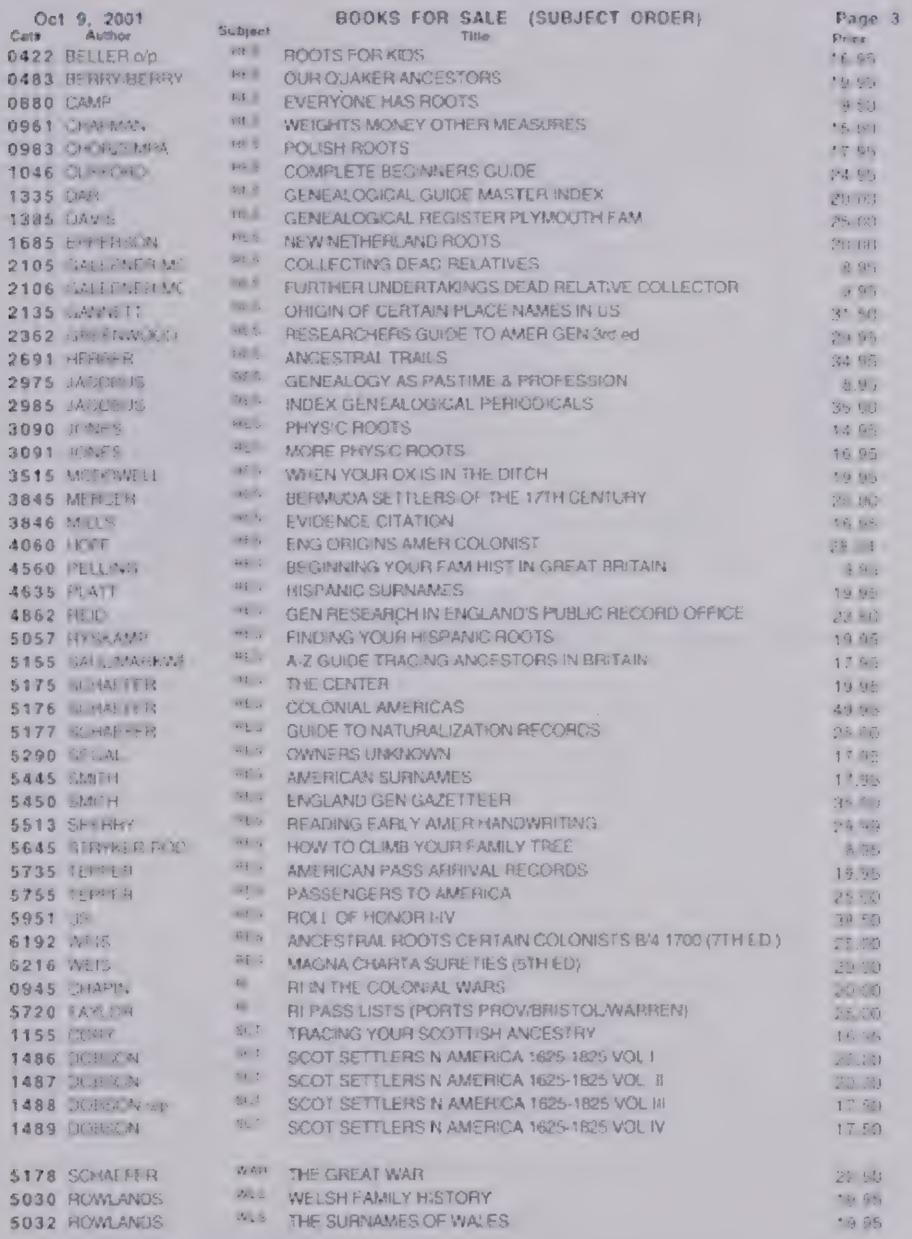

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happy to be home, she JUST threw up her breakfast.&nbsp; She really didn't want
to eat, this morning.&nbsp; I hand fed her some, just so she had something upon
which the Insulin could work.&nbsp; </DIV>
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<DIV>Have a good day, et better week.&nbsp;&nbsp;
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<DIV>My doctor would like me to stop, and take a little
stroll, every hour.&nbsp; Whatever is in the pills I am taking, even tho' I
drink NOTHING before getting behind the long-haul wheel, it do demand that I
stop no less than less than every 1 1/2 hours.... ..&nbsp; So, decided what the
heck - - - drank/sipped coffee, up and back, this trip.&nbsp; </DIV>
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<DIV>My mother's sisters look better than they did, when
I saw them, over a year ago while back in Indiana.&nbsp; And, they looked/acted
really good then.&nbsp; Must be California, or just being in the excitement of
the moment.&nbsp; The youngest, Rosie, is 83 and her husband came along.&nbsp;
Just as well he did, I guess, as he is a Frequent Flyer.&nbsp; Waldo waved his
FF card, and all were&nbsp;escorted to the front of the line, past security, and
on toward their boarding area.&nbsp; This in Chicago Midway Airport, and I think
also Cincinnati Airport, where they transferred from AirCom (or something) to
Delta.&nbsp; Honor, the middle one is 84, to be 85 in one month yesterday.&nbsp;
She always has been the vibrant, bubbly, peppy, positive one.&nbsp;Ornery, might
be a good word.&nbsp; Ornery in a&nbsp;warm sense.&nbsp;Still is.... ..&nbsp;
Her husband died over 2 years ago.&nbsp; She is in the process of weeding, and
trimming their life's accumulations down to one "dumpster" worth.&nbsp;&nbsp;
Haven't the foggiest how much she weighs.&nbsp; She says she just lost 10
pounds.&nbsp; Has to be a little, a very little, over 100 lbs.&nbsp;
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<DIV>Mother, maybe due to all of the excitement of
seeing her sister's again.&nbsp; It's been 8 years.&nbsp; She seemed a bit
confused.&nbsp; Too much excitement ??? Really a great deal worse than when I
saw her last December.&nbsp; Also, her face seems
quite&nbsp;swollen/puffy.&nbsp; Both of her legs were just short of the size of
balloons.&nbsp; She has had swelling , in them, for a long time.&nbsp; This, the
worst that I have ever seen it.&nbsp; Maybe cause no putting her feet up, for
early evening nap, in front of the TV ???&nbsp; I did try to not pick on her, as
much as usual.&nbsp; I do hope that I was better with her and them, than my
disposition usually permits.&nbsp; Oh, yes, my mother was 88, a week ago last
Saturday.&nbsp; She does take good care of herself, runs her own errands,
etc.&nbsp; </DIV>
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<DIV>Had asked Waldo to NOT take my pix, three
times.&nbsp; Last time, which he began to think was really funny, I went and was
going to take the camera away from him.&nbsp; Rosie said it was her camera, so I
stopped, after I asked her to make sure that it stopped.&nbsp; For such a
religious woman, she HAD to take my pix, with a BIG grin.&nbsp; They may think
it is funny.&nbsp; Not so, with me.&nbsp; I pick and choose who gets what
picture, after I determine that it is acceptable to view.&nbsp; 'Nuff of that
one, also.</DIV>
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<DIV>We all went out for CHINESE, Saturday
evening.&nbsp; 7 altogether.&nbsp; There was Mother, Honor, Rosie, Susie. her
son Bob (10 years old), Waldo, and moi.&nbsp; Food was excellent.&nbsp; They did
NOT&nbsp; use MSG, which I thought was a mainstay in Chinese cooking.&nbsp;
Outstanding service, much too much good food.&nbsp; We each ordered one dish +
one extra, totaling 8 BIG platters of good stuff.&nbsp; Yes, there was a whole
lot to take home in 'doggie bags'.&nbsp; Mother gave the leftovers to
Susie.&nbsp; I would have liked to have had dinner with her, yesterday.&nbsp;
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<DIV>Honor said that she had brought all summer clothes
to wear, and it wasn't any warmer in Salinas than it was in Merrillville,

Matthew & Annah Benedict 12-1769

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Betsy	9-11-1788
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Indiana.&nbsp; She was freezing.&nbsp; They have had a fairly mild winter, this
year.&nbsp; It is/has been quite windy here, and in Salinas.&nbsp; At least the
rain gods held off until the Indiana tourists decided to head out for San
Francisco.&nbsp; Kinda sad tho... ... ...&nbsp; The OLD Cannery, at Fisherman's
Wharf, burnt down Sat. nite.&nbsp; If I heard the radio correctly, it was being
made into a motel.&nbsp; Honor, Rosie, and Waldo, were going to go to
Fisherman's Wharf.&nbsp; </DIV>
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<DIV>Yesterday I left Mother's at 3:45 am, to arrive in
Torrance around 9:30 am.&nbsp; It used to be less than a 5 1/2 hour drive.&nbsp;
Now, due to extra stops, it has been extended to 5 hrs., 45 min.&nbsp; Then, me
do now stay within a couple miles of the speed limit, which does add about 30
minutes to the length of the trip.&nbsp; Also adds a couple miles per gallon of
gasoline, which is almost a decent trade-off.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; The worst part,
probably for my Mother, is that EVERYONE was abandoning her yesterday.&nbsp; Me
early, which is expected, and no real big thing normally.&nbsp; The "girls", et
Waldo, were heading out to spend a couple of days in San Francisco, after church
yesterday.&nbsp; They leave out of SF International Airport, Wednesday, to
arrive home (in Chicago) at 8:30 pm. CST.&nbsp;&nbsp; </DIV>
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<DIV>Then, there is the dog, Gypsy.&nbsp; Pat said that
there was no rush to pick her up, as they were doing JUST fine.&nbsp; Then, she
thought it best that I pick her up yesterday 'cause she didn't want her to feel
abandoned.&nbsp; Fat chance.... ..&nbsp; The most emotion this dog exhibits is
when I put on her leash, we head in the car to Pat's, AND the darn dog wags her
entire body running up to Pat's front door.... How soon Pat does forget that it
was she that rescued Gypsy from a fate worse than - - - ...&nbsp; That dog do
love her, big time.&nbsp; Puts up with me, as I am the vessel that tote's her
back and forth to 236th. Street.&nbsp; The dog does seem lost today.&nbsp; She
is back into her 'normal' daily routine, with less expression than ever
before.&nbsp; Pat and Gypsy faired quite well together, over the weekend.&nbsp;
The Insulin shots were a snap, so says Pat.&nbsp; Pat said that while Gypsy was
sitting looking out the kitchen window, at the feeding squirrel, she would just
ZAP her in the back of the neck, with NO reaction from the dog.&nbsp;
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<DIV>Had a bit of drizzle driving up, Saturday.&nbsp; A
bit of drizzle, sprinkles, and short rain showers, on the way home
yesterday.&nbsp; Sun was shining here, upon my return, and is shining brightly
today.&nbsp; It did rain last evening, and night.&nbsp; Much needed, as it is
about only the third time, I can recall, that it has rained this year.&nbsp;
Rain, this year, being of the short-lived, soft variety.&nbsp; Snow in the local
mountains.&nbsp;</DIV>
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<DIV>Next thing, for me, is to make an appointment with
a dentist to see about replacing the AAA Club teeth, that are about 40 years
old.&nbsp; Also, need to see about having something done with the remaining 6
'real' ones.&nbsp; Two need to go, for sure.&nbsp; Will see about the
others.&nbsp; Have procrastinated too long.&nbsp; Pat is going to have hers
replaced, also.&nbsp; Talk about misery loving company.... ..&nbsp;
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<DIV>On now to whatever else I can think to do, this
day.&nbsp; Shall commiserate about my Mother's welfare, and well-being then file
it in it's appropriate place.&nbsp;&nbsp;Last time I shall bring up my mother's
health.&nbsp;&nbsp;&nbsp; That, too, is out of my control</DIV>
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David and Elizabeth King to John Fitch

KNOW ALL MEN by these presents that I David King and Elizabeth King both of Fairfield, in the County of Fairfield and Colony of Connecticut for a Valuable Consideration already received of John Fitch of Norwalk, in the County of Fairfield, Do by these presents freely and absolutely give, grant, and convey and forever Quit all our Claim, Interest, or Domaine that we have or shall ever after have During the Life of him and his heirs forever in a Certain piece of Land Situate in a place called Poplar Plane in Quantity about Twenty-Three Acres be the same, more or less, Except the One half of the One third part of said land, at the Death of Elizabeth Elis, the wife of Henry Elis, and is bounded North by John Fillio's land and East by Nathan Burwell's land and South by Sarah Bruwell's land and West by the highway together with appurtenances, thereto belonging to him, the said John Fitch TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the above granted and bargained premises with the Appurtenances belonging unto the said John Fitch, his heirs and assigns, to his and their proper use, benefit, and behoof forever free and Clear from all Incumbrances or any person or persons Claiming by, from or under us IN WITNESS whereof we have hereunto Set Our hands and Seals this 21st Day of January A.D. 1768

DAVID KING seal
ELIZABETH KING seal
her X mark

In the presence of Elias Betts Nathan Burwell, Jr.	Upon this date above personally appeared David King and Elizabeth King, the signers and sealers to the above Instrument and acknowledged the same to be their free act and deed. Before me Elias Betts, Justice of Peace

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Norwalk, January 20th, 1768 I David King and Elizabeth King both of Fairfield have received of the Estate of Nathaniel Fitch, late of Norwalk, Dec'd., in full of all Claims or Demands whatsoever in said Estate that I have or shall everafter have in said Estate, Excepting the one half of ye one third of ye Homestead of said Dec'd and the one half of ye widow's third, Set out in a place called Fitch's Swamp containing two acres received to our full satisfaction of said Estate.

Signed and Delivered
In presents of
Elias Betts
Nathan Burwell

DAVID KING
ELIZABETH KING
her X mark

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John Fitch to Ebenezer Guyer

To all People to whom these Presents shall come, Greeting

KNOW YE That I, John Fitch of Norwalk in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, for the consideration of Eleven Pounds Twelve Shillings, Lawful money already Received to my full Satisfaction of Ebenezer Guyer of Fairfield Town and County, Do Give, Grant, Bargain, Sell and Confirm unto the said Ebenezer Guyer and to his heirs and Assigns forever a Certain Parcel of Land lying in the Township of Fairfield and in the Parish of Norfield in Hulls Long Lots so called Containing two acres and three quarters to be the Same, more or less, Bounded as follows: viz. Southerly on the Second Cross Highway from the Front of said Lot, Easterly on land set off to the heirs of Elizabeth King, Northerly on the Appertick River so called, Westerly in part on the widow Sarah Guyer in part and in part on Fanton Beers Land, also Southerly a Small Gog of two rods in width on Fanton Beers Land in his Homestead.

To have and to hold the above Granted and Bargained Premises with the Appurtenances thereof, unto him, the said Ebenezer Guyer and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, to him and their own proper Use and Behoof, and also the said John Fitch do for myself and heirs, Executors, and Administrators, Covenant with the said Ebenezer Guyer, his Heirs and Assigns, That at and Until the Ensealing these Presents, I am well seised of the Premises as a good indeseasible Estate in Fee simple, and have good Right to Bargain and Sell the same in Manner and Form as is above written; and that the same is free of incumbrances whatsoever, and Furthermore I the said John Fitch do by these presents bind myself and my heirs forever to Warrant and Defend the above Granted and Bargained Premises to him, the said Ebenezer Guyer and to his Heirs and Assigns, against all Claims and Demands whatsoever, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal the 22nd day of March, Anno Domini, 1786.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered JOHN FITCH Seal
in the presence of
David Coley
Samuel Ogden

In Fairfield County, on the date above Written, personally appeared John Fitch of Norwalk. Signer and Sealer of the foregoing Instrument, and acknowledged the same to be his free Act and Deed before me Daniel Duncan, Justice of Peace

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David King to Ebenezer Guyer

To All People to Whom These Presents Shall Come, Greetings

KNOW YE that I, David King of Newtown, in the County of Fairfield and State of Connecticut, for the Consideration of Five Pounds, Sixteen Shillings, Lawful money already received to my Full Satisfaction of Ebenezer Guyer of Fairfield Town and County, do Give, Grant, Bargain, Sell, and Confirm unto the said, Ebenezer Guyer and to his Heirs and Assigns forever, a Certain parcel of land Lying in the Township of Fairfield and in the Parish of Norfield in Hulls Long Lot so called, containing one acre of ye land Bounded as follows: Southerly on the Second Cross Highway and to Extend Northerly three rods in width up to Appertick River, Bounded Northerly on said River, Easterly on the Widow Sarah Guyer's Land and Westerly on said Guyer's Land that he lately purchased of John Fitch of Norwalk, it being the land that was set to my Son, Nathaniel Fitch King in the Distribution of the Widow Elizabeth Ealis Estate, Late of Fairfield, Dec'd. To Have and to Hold the above Granted and Bargained Premises with the Appurtenances thereof, unto him the said Ebenezer Guyer and his Heirs and Assigns, That at and until the Ensealing these Presents, I am well seised of the Premises as a good indefeasible Estate in Fee Simple: and have good Right to Bargain and Sell the same in Manner and Form as is above Written. And that the Same is free of all Incumbrances whatsoever, And Furthermore, I the said David King do by these presents bind myself and my Heirs forever, to Warrant and Defend the above Granted and Bargained Premises to him the said Ebenezer Guyer and to his Heirs and Assigns, against all Claims and Demands whatsoever, In Witness Whereof I have hereunto set my Hand and Seal the 22nd day of March, Anno Domini, 1786.

Signed, Sealed and Delivered
in the Presence of
David Coley
John Fitch

DAVID KING Seal

In Fairfield County, on the Day and Date above Written, Personally appeared David King of Newtown in Connecticut ?? Signer and Sealer of the foregoing Instrument and acknowledged the same to be his free Act and Deed before me , Daniel Duncan, Justice of Peace.

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